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DUCHESS A TV ACTRESS AGAIN IN UK

MEG IN RITCHIE CRIME ROMP

'Gentlemen' role for Royal

EXCLUSIVE by MATT WILKINSON

THE Duchess of Sussex is in advanced talks for a major role in Guy Ritchie's hit Netflix gangster comedy The Gentlemen.

Meghan, 45, is said to be "very excited" at the prospect of acting again, and it is believed to be a key reason why she and Prince Harry are returning to the UK from the States.

Meanwhile, Harry, 41, faces forking out millions in his failed legal privacy case after a ruling yesterday.

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Major role . . Meghan and, left, Ritchie

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ROYALS RETURN RITCHIE'S SHOCK

Last role . . . in Suits with Adams

EXCLUSIVE by MATT WILKINSON, Royal Editor, SCARLET HOWES, US Editor and ROD McPHEE, TV Editor

MEGHAN was inspired to make her acting comeback in The Gentlemen by the lure of working with its creator Guy Ritchie.

The Duchess of Sussex, 45, is understood to be in advanced talks to play a temptress in the Netflix gangster-comedy about an aristocratic family who turn to crime.

The main character is a duke who formerly served in the Army – just like Meghan's husband Prince Harry, 41.

The hugely-popular first series in 2024 was even advertised with the slogan "every heir needs a spare", echoing Harry and brother William.

It featured Ritchie hallmarks such as murky underworld thugs, illegal drugs, sex, bad language and gory murders.

Meghan, who we revealed last week is returning to the UK imminently with Harry and their two kids, also has a strong relationship with Netflix.

An insider said: "The gossip in TV circles is that Meghan could play the ultimate temptress, who puts the cat among the pigeons by seducing an aristocrat.

"The Gentlemen would be perfect for her. It's a big budget, glossy production and quintessentially British. And because it is on Netflix that gives it a huge global audience.

"In fact, it is one of the streaming giant's biggest hits of recent years.

"It would see her star opposite Theo James, who plays Eddie Horniman, the 13th Duke of Halstead, and is a frontrunner to be the new James Bond.

"Everything about the project screams quality, but it is one with a bit of an edge too."

Series 2 drops on Netflix on September 3.

Meghan is understood to be "very excited" at the prospect of a role in the show, and Netflix are expected to announce the commissioning of Series 3 next week.

Other stars include Vinnie Jones and Joely Richardson.

Meghan may also appear with Maya Jama, who is in Series 2 and will return in Series 3, as confirmed by The Sun.

Meghan's last major role was in hit US drama Suits, which she left in late 2017.

She put her acting career on hold after marrying Harry in 2018 and said she had begun a "new chapter" – later becoming mum to Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five.

Since news of Meghan's return to acting broke on Thursday, speculation has been rife about what her next role could be.

People guessed she could be the new James Bond, or a character on EastEnders, Line of Duty or even the upcoming Harry Potter TV series.

She is confirmed to have a cameo in film comedy Close Personal Friends, with Lily Collins and Brie Larson.

The Gentlemen tells the story of Eddie, who inherits the family's 15,000-acre estate and duke title, then partners with crime boss Susie Glass (Kaya Scodelario) to turn the stately home into an underground cannabis farm.

The pair battle to keep international gangs from seizing their empire, and Eddie constantly has to keep younger brother Freddy (Daniel Ings) out of trouble.

Freddy's glam wife Tammy is played by Chanel Cresswell, who also starred as The Sun's Scarlet Howes in a Channel 5 drama about the downfall of paedo BBC newsreader Huw Edwards.

The Gentlemen is mostly filmed at the Badminton estate, Gloucs, on the edge of Meghan's beloved Cotswolds, and seven miles from King Charles's Highgrove home.

William and Harry's great-great gran Queen Mary lived at Badminton House for most of World War Two, to the annoyance of owners the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort.

King Charles II bestowed the first Dukedom of Beaufort on Henry Somerset in 1682.

The estate is also the home of the Badminton Horse Trials, which the Royal Family often attend. Other filming locations for The Gentlemen include Loseley Park in Surrey, Alperton Studios in North West London, and pubs in the capital.

We previously reported that Meghan will continue to run her lifestyle brand As Ever when she returns to the UK and hopes to expand it globally.

Sources in the US have also told The Sun that she and Harry have secretly told pals they will return to the US and keep their home in Montecito fully staffed.

One source said: "They will return to California in the long

Set for action . . . Meghan, with Harry, may work at Badminton House, where The Gentlemen is filmed

Duchess in line for part in gang show

First role since she quit Suits in 2017

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Cameo-loving director . . . Guy Ritchie

JOB FOR MEGHAN IN UK

New star . . . our mock-up poster for Meghan in series. Below, show's real 'heir and spare' ad

Baggage . . . waxworks of Sussexes given cases

TUSSAUDS GETS ON THE CASE

By ED SOUTHGATE

HARRY and Meghan's Madame Tussauds waxworks have been given suitcases to signify their upcoming return to Britain.

The figures have also been moved beside a royal guard in the British Culture Capital zone, as the London venue said it wanted to "mark the occasion".

The museum split Harry and Meghan from the rest of the Royal Family in 2020 during Megxit. Since then, they have mostly been in the Awards Party zone.

GENTLEMEG

term but are moving to the UK to be closer to Charles while he copes with illness, and because Meghan has secured this secret role."

The source said Meghan and Harry "want their kids to be close to their grandad, the King", adding: "They are coming back to the UK but this is a short-term plan.

"They have assured those who work with them in the US that this is not a long-term move and that they will be back.

"They are not selling Montecito and are absolutely not stepping back from their many projects.

"Not living close to Los Angeles these days doesn't mean you have to walk away from the business.

"Harry is heading to the UK to spend more time with Charles as he battles cancer and that aspect of their move is a very emotional one for them."

The Sussexes are said to still be working on new projects in California. But there has been talk that they are not popular in the town where they live in a nine-bedroom mansion.

Yesterday some neighbours said they were "thrilled" the couple are moving out.

A staffer at a popular store at the Montecito Country Mart said: "They're the only celebrities here who go around with bodyguards.

"Other A-listers just as famous and likely richer than them walk around casually like any normal person."

Mary Sheldon, owner of the Tecolote bookstore, said: "I have been speaking to my friends about why they're moving out. We can't figure it out. This town has everything for them."

Ritchie, 57, who also directs and produces The Gentlemen, loves to give his celeb pals cameos in his TV shows and movies. Sir David Beckham has had small roles in Ritchie films including The Man From U.N.C.L.E. and King Arthur: Legend of the Sword.

After the surprise success of The Gentlemen's first series – a spin-off of Ritchie's 2019 film of the same name – Netflix quickly ordered a second. But getting the cast back together proved tricky which is why it has taken two years to return.

The third series, however, is expected to happen much more quickly, with filming set to start before the end of the year and a drop-date towards the end of next year. Meghan has a good relationship with Netflix due to her two series, and a Christmas special of her lifestyle show, With Love, Meghan, released last year.

The Sussexes made their autobiographical documentary Harry & Meghan with the streaming giant in 2024.

Netflix also aired their documentary Polo in 2022.

Meghan's past roles also include being a "briefcase girl" on the US version of Deal or No Deal.

In 2011 she joined Suits as legal assistant Rachel Zane, starring alongside the likes of Patrick J Adams and Gabriel Macht.

WINCE HARRY: PAGES 4 & 5

ROYALS RETURN

PRINCE TO FORK

WINCE HARRY

£34m bill over privacy case

He must pay with six others

First £9m due in one week

Revenue . . Meg's jam

Six-year US stay helps to cut tax

By ED SOUTHGATE

PRINCE Harry and Meghan could benefit from a major tax perk after deciding to move back to Britain.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex will avoid rules surrounding capital gains tax — because they are coming back after six years rather than five.

Under the UK's temporary non-residence rules, people are prevented from moving abroad briefly, selling assets, and then returning without incurring the duty.

HMRC can tax any profit made by selling or giving away assets such as shares or property where these have risen in value. But this is only the case for five years.

Harry and Meghan however have managed six full tax years as non-UK residents — enough to avoid the penalty.

Financial expert Michele Tieghi said: "The six-year stay in America could prove important for capital gains tax."

It is not clear if the couple made any capital gains while in the US.

But they face higher stamp duty if they buy property here, as they are keeping their homes in Montecito and Portugal.

And Meghan's US citizenship will land them with an extra bill, as the US taxes citizens on their worldwide income regardless of where they live.

Security scramble

A DECISION on Harry's security could be forced to the front of the queue — ahead of other VIPs.

The Sun understands his return in two weeks will inject urgency into the Royal and VIP Executive Committee.

It is almost nine months since the body overseen by the Home Office vowed to carry out the Duke's new risk assessment.

He was told the report was on hold amid a backlog of former PMs needing 24-hour protection.

It is believed Harry and Meghan will pay for bodyguards in the meantime.

Princely sum . . . Harry arrives for July hearing

DAILY MAIL STATEMENT

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Failed bid . . . Sir Elton outside court

By JULIA ATHERLEY

PRINCE Harry faces having to fork out millions over his failed hacking case — with the first tranche to be paid by next Friday.

The Duke of Sussex, 41, has been hit with the mammoth costs order just days after we revealed he is moving his family back to the UK.

He was among seven household names who unsuccessfully sued Associated Newspapers for breach of privacy. Yesterday, a High Court judge slammed their case as lacking "a proper evidential foundation".

He accused them of trying to use their failed claims to launch an inquiry against the media industry.

The defendants were ordered to pay an initial £9.5million of the £34.5million fees incurred by the publisher of the Daily Mail.

With the group's insurance potentially covering a combined £16.2million, they face having to pay millions out of their own pockets.

Harry launched the doomed bid with Sir Elton John, who has a net worth of £480million, and his husband David Furnish.

The others were former Liberal Democrat deputy leader Sir Simon Hughes, racial justice campaigner Baroness Lawrence and actresses Sadie Frost and Liz Hurley.

Mr Justice Nicklin issued a rare indemnity order, removing any cap on the amount they must cover.

Such a step is reserved for cases where "unreasonable" conduct takes the situation "out of the norm".

In his 44-page ruling, he said he was granting costs on this stricter basis for several reasons.

These included "the speculative and substantially inferential character of the claims at their origin", the "exceptional breadth" of the cases and the "public presentation of allegations of serious criminality and impropriety which were not ultimately established".

He added that the group are criticised for "the making and maintenance of very serious allegations against many individuals, the failure to reassess those allegations when the evidence required reassessment, and the continued pursuit of allegations which were unsupported or had ceased to be realistically maintainable".

He added: "In my judgment, that conduct was unreasonable to a high degree." He described the claims as "litigation conceived and pleaded on an unjustifiably wide canvas".

All 97 allegations against the Daily Mail and The Mail on Sunday were rejected after an 11-week trial. During the hearing, an emotional Harry told the court that the defendants had "made my wife's life an absolute misery".

When Harry's team lost the case in July, Associated's legal team said they had "abused their celebrity status" to pursue a case "well outside the law" and that their conduct had been "outrageous".

Harry's lawyers described the defendant's total costs as "eye-watering" and said it would have a "particularly harsh impact" if the

OUT MILLIONS AFTER LOSS

CHAZ'S READY FOR A GROUSE

KING Charles was seen for the first time yesterday since news broke that Prince Harry is coming back to Britain.

His Majesty was behind the wheel on the Balmoral estate as the family headed out on a traditional grouse shoot — as they come to terms with the return of Harry, wife Meghan and their two kids.

Prince William also drove himself and wife Catherine through the Aberdeenshire estate in a Range Rover.

Charles's brother Prince Edward and sister Princess Anne, her daughter Zara Tindall and hubby Mike were also out. They left at 9.30am and returned at 3.30pm.

The Sun told yesterday how the Royal Family's traditional summer holiday faced tensions as they work out how to deal with the rebellious Sussexes.

King Charles is understood to be looking forward to the opportunity to spend more time with his family in private when the Duke and Duchess of Sussex return with Archie and Lilibet, who are seven and five.

But sources close to Prince William said: "He doesn't have time for their drama."

By ED SOUTHGATE

THE KING

Charles on his way to a traditional grouse shoot at Balmoral yesterday

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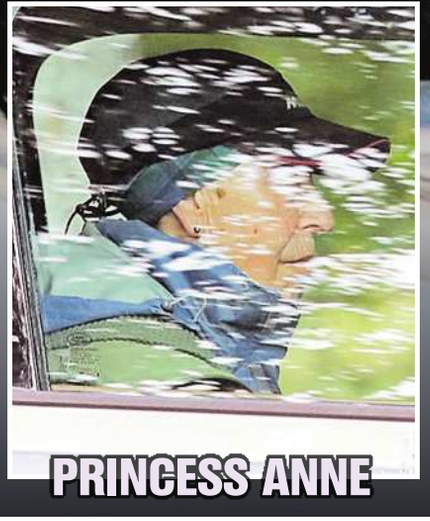

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PRINCE WILLIAM & CATHERINE

MIKE TINDALL

judge ordered them to cover them. Associated Newspapers Limited called the costs ruling "another overwhelming victory for the Mail and its journalism".

A spokesman said: "Mr Justice Nicklin ruled that the way legal teams for Prince Harry and the other claimants ran the case was 'unreasonable to a high degree', and that 'allegations of the utmost seriousness were advanced before the evidential foundation for many of them had been established'.

"His judgment is a devastating critique of an attempt to destroy a newspaper and the reputations of its journalists, editors and executives.

"From well before the trial, the claimants' lawyers knew that their main witness had denied making the preposterous allegations on which the claims were based.

"Despite this collapse in evidence to support the extremely serious allegations of 'abhorrent criminal activity, crimes and terrible and reprehensible covert acts' by the Mail, they were emblazoned in a lurid press release issued on behalf of Baroness Lawrence, Prince Harry and the other claimants, with the exception of Sir Simon Hughes.

"The allegations were not withdrawn, and were pursued until the bitter end of the trial. This placed a huge burden on the Mail to defend the reputations of its innocent journalists and the paper itself.

"The truth is that these outrageous claims should never have been brought. That they were pursued raises disturbing questions about the conduct of elements of the legal profession."

He said that of the "most profound concern" was that the ruling confirmed the action was part of a 'coordinated media and litigation campaign designed to drag (the Mail) into the spotlight, challenge its position at the Leveson Inquiry, and use legal claims as part of a broader campaign' to resuscitate Part 2 of the Leveson Inquiry.

He went on: "This case was a vital element in an insidious strategy by the newspaper-hating zealots of Hacked Off, using fascist, orgy-loving Max Mosley's millions, and support from Hugh Grant to impose statutory regulation on the press as a whole.

"We thank Mr Justice Nicklin for the care he has taken over this application, and throughout the litigation. The Mail has worked continuously for the past 4½ years to defend the reputations of its hard-working and honest journalists against smears that date back three decades and would have destroyed their careers."

David Bailey-Vella, chairman of the Association of Costs Lawyers, said that without a settlement, the costs process "will not be quick" and could take several years. He said: "This could not have gone much worse for Prince Harry and the other claimants.

"An award of costs on the indemnity basis disapplies the court-approved costs budget – which is vital for Associated as it spent much more than it said it would – and removes the requirement that the costs must be 'proportionate'. They must still meet the test of being reasonably incurred and reasonable in amount, however."

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Lost out . . . Hurley

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Shirt . . . Matty James

Wrex kit's flying off airports' shelves

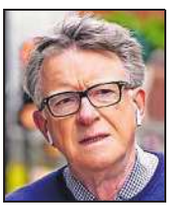
EXCLUSIVE by RICHARD MORIARTY

WREXHAM football shirt sales have leapfrogged Arsenal and Manchester City at the UK's largest airports group.

The Disney series about the Welsh club co-owned by Hollywood stars Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney has helped shirt sales finish third behind Liverpool and Man United, according to MAG, which owns Manchester, Stansted and East Midlands airports.

Shirt sales at JD Sports outlets across the three were up 19 per cent year-on-year.

Andrew Macmillan, at MAG, which handles 66million passengers a year, called it "astonishing" and said: "It demonstrates how impactful the documentary was for the club's profile."



Files . . . Mandelson

Mandy's Epstein probe 'in jeopardy'

By OSCAR JAEGER

SCOTLAND Yard's investigation into whether Lord Mandelson passed confidential Government information to paedo financier Jeffrey Epstein could collapse.

The Met Police fear the US Department of Justice will not hand over unredacted Epstein files that could potentially damage Donald Trump, the Telegraph reported last night.

They could be crucial evidence in deciding whether to charge the disgraced ex US ambassador, who was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office.

The FBI and DoJ have ignored police requests for documents. It means the investigation faces being dropped entirely.

Mandelson was arrested after files seemed to show he passed market-sensitive documents to Epstein in the 2008 financial crisis. He has never been charged and denies any wrongdoing.

RETURN AFTER LIAM AGONY

VOICE OF CHERYL

Star back as talent coach after 6yr break from telly

EXCLUSIVE by JACK HARDWICK

POP star Cheryl is poised to return to telly as a coach on The Voice UK.

The Girls Aloud singer and former X Factor judge has not been on prime-time TV for six years.

Cheryl, 43, has been in secret talks with The Voice bosses for months. Filming on the new series of the ITV show starts on September 11 in Manchester.

A source said: "Every year producers ask Cheryl to go on the show, and it's a polite 'no' as the timing has never quite been right.

"This year it's different. She feels ready to re-enter the spotlight and talks are now in the final stages.

"Things could come crashing down but with three weeks to go until filming kicks off, the production team is working on the assumption she will be doing it.

"It helps that long-term friend Will.i.am will be beside her on the panel."

Sources say bosses are desperate for her to sign up. And talks are so advanced the focus has turned to Cheryl's hair and make-up budget.

It would be her first prime-time TV role since she was a dance captain on BBC1 show The Greatest Dancer in 2020.

It would also be the first time Cheryl has been in the limelight since her ex, One Direction singer Liam Payne, died in October 2024 aged 31 after falling from a hotel balcony in Argentina. The pair have a nine-year-old son, Bear.

In 2023, Cheryl gained critical acclaim in London's West End playing Jenny in thriller 2:22 A Ghost Story.

The following year, she reunited with Girls Aloud for a tour to celebrate 21 years since the group formed.

Rapper Aitch, 26, is also set to become a coach on The Voice. He will replace McFly duo Tom Fletcher and Danny Jones, who have quit the show.

The Sun understands long-time The Voice judge Sir Tom Jones, 86, has not yet signed up for the forthcoming series but that talks with bosses are ongoing.

The revamped show will be hosted by Alesha Dixon and Stacey Solomon.

They replace Emma Willis, who was poached by the BBC to front Strictly.

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Celeb couple . . . Cheryl & Liam in 2018

DEBT HEADS FOR £3TN

£30BN BENEFIT BILL HIKES BORROWING

BRITAIN'S debt is hurtling towards £3trillion amid the ballooning benefits bill of almost £30billion a month.

Chancellor John Healey had to borrow another £1.8billion in July despite economists expecting him to balance the books.

Britain was about £2.985trillion in the red at the end of the month – roughly

Budget . . . Healey

By MARTINA BET

£96billion more than a year ago. Spending on welfare and state pensions hit £29.5billion in July – an rise of £2billion on the figure for last July.

Experts say the deteriorating finances leave Mr Healey little wriggle room ahead of his first Budget on October 28.

Julian Jessop, at think tank the Institute of Economic Affairs, said the figures highlight the "fragility of the public finances".

The economist added: "Most worryingly, spending growth – notably on benefits – outpaced revenues despite a bumper month for income tax receipts."

Thomas Pugh, chief economist at business advisory firm RSM UK, said: "Tax rises are inevitable come the Budget."

Britain has now borrowed £56.7billion in the first four months of the financial year – £2.3billion more than forecast by officials. The Iran War is pushing up borrowing costs.

Shadow Chancellor Sir Mel Stride said Labour is "tapping the nation's credit card while the bailiffs are at the door".

He added: "We spend more on the interest of our soaring debt than we do on our defence, police and prisons combined. We simply cannot afford the price of Labour."

Mr Healey said: "Fiscal discipline is the bedrock of our economic stability and national security, which is why we are committed to meeting our fiscal rules, with a buffer against global uncertainties.

"We are cutting the deficit faster than any other G7 economy while giving people a bit of breathing space with cost-of-living pressures and focusing support to get young people into work."

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Payback taxes bid rethink

By TOM SCOTSON

HOUSEHOLDS could be given cash rebates by mayors under new proposals – just weeks after Andy Burnham appeared to rule out the idea.

The PM slapped down Tory Tees Valley mayor Ben Houchen for suggesting it and ruled out mayors as "mini-chancellors".

But No10 deputy chief of staff Caroline Simpson left the door open to it, claiming officials are "working through some of those practicalities".

She said: "Flexibility about how money is spent in a local area is going to be there." Labour wants to transfer more power from Whitehall to England's mayors.

TRIM JONG-UN ONLY

By STEPHEN MOYES

NORTH Korean despot Kim Jong Un has ruled private barbers don't cut it — and only cheaper state-run shops with a limited range of styles are allowed.

But younger people are said to be defying the ban by Kim, *left*, travelling long distances to visit talented hairdressers driven underground by the ruling.

OIL DITHER FURY

KEMI Badenoch has demanded ministers stop "kicking into the long grass" a decision on two major North Sea oil and gas fields.

The Tory chief said it was "absolutely essential" the Government gives the green light to Rosebank and Jackdaw as soon as possible.

She claimed gas from Jackdaw could have been flowing into homes by Christmas if ministers had acted earlier this summer.

The projects could create 3,500 construction jobs and another 880 jobs over the lifetime of the fields.

But campaigners want PM Andy Burnham to block them over climate fears.

£4.7M WILL OF TOP TORY SALLY

FORMER Tory minister Baroness Sally Oppenheim-Barnes left more than £4.7million in her will.

The document says: "I [want] a good coffin with a satin lining."

She died at 96 in 2025. Her money went to her three children including ex-MP Phillip Oppenheim.

WORLD CUP BID

ANDY Burnham is plotting a bid to host the football World Cup in Britain – the fourth attempt since 1966.

It is part of the football-mad PM's plan to use major sporting events to boost tourism, investment and regeneration beyond London.

The next realistic opportunity could be 2042. Bids failed in 1990, 2006 and 2018. The PM said the UK's six-decade World Cup hosting absence is "insane". He is also backing a Northern Olympics and a 2035 Ryder Cup bid for Bolton.

A Government spokesperson said: "The UK is committed to delivering world-class major sporting events."

Sun SAVE OUR SETS

Freeview axe bill of £272-a-yr

By TOM SCOTSON

MILLIONS of Brits may have to pay an extra £272 a year if Labour decides to switch off Freeview, campaigners warn.

Almost a third – including more than half all pensioners – say they cannot afford to splash out to upgrade broadband and equipment.

About 4.3million households would face a £218-a-year bill to move to internet-only streaming.

This could hit £272 by 2034, the Government's preferred cut-off target, a poll for the Broadcast 2040+ campaign shows.

MPs have backed our Save Our Sets campaign to protect Freeview TV.

Broadcast 2040+ said: "Ministers should think very carefully before adding another cost."

Labour said Freeview will not go until "there was confidence people can continue to access television affordably".

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PM's vow on terror

TERROR attack survivors will be consulted on plans for a permanent national memorial, Andy Burnham pledged yesterday.

The Prime Minister insisted they must shape how Britain remembers the victims of atrocities.

Speaking on a first national day for terror victims and survivors, he also said he was looking at reforming compensation and legal assistance.

Survivors had been forced to fight for support they should have got from the state, he added.

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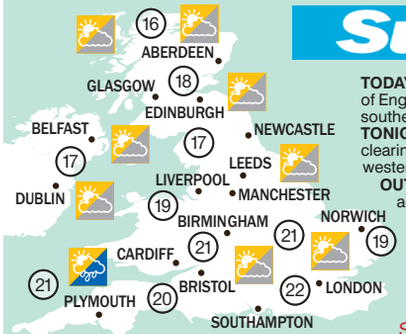

TODAY: Staying largely dry with sunny spells for much of England, with fairer skies and more sunshine in southern and eastern regions. Light winds throughout.

TONIGHT: Cloudy in northern and eastern England, clearing later. Clear skies in London, the Midlands and western regions. Light winds throughout.

OUTLOOK: On Sunday, it will be mainly sunny across England as temperatures rise slightly. Monday sees mostly cloudy skies with mild conditions and a slight breeze.

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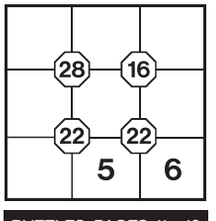

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Star celebrates 31st birthday on her 8TH holiday of the year

I'm levitating

Strike a pose . . . Dua leaps off yacht then emerges from the waves, below

Pictures: BACKGRID

DUA LEAPER

Star jumps . . . singer's hitting the high seas

By HOWELL DAVIES

POP star Dua Lipa gets the jump on her birthday celebrations as she has fun on her eighth holiday of the year.

The Levitating singer, who turns 31 today, wore a leopard-print bikini as she struck playful poses while leaping off a luxury yacht in Ibiza.

She jetted out to the White Isle with her model sister Rina, 25, and DJ brother Gjin, 20, where they spent time relaxing and partying at nightclub DC-10.

It is yet another high-end getaway for the London-born star, whose Instagram page is full of sun-soaked snaps from her many trips.

She started off the year with a visit to France with friends, and then went on safari with her fiancé – now husband – British actor Callum Turner, 36, in South Africa in April.

The following month they went to Copenhagen in Denmark together, before she had her hen do with more than 20 pals in Ibiza.

In June, hundreds of friends and family attended their wedding in Sicily, and the couple then went on a road trip through Italy, including stops in Rome and Porto Ercole in Tuscany.

Last month, she flew to Albania for the Sunny Hill music festival and last week was in Portofino on the Italian Riviera for pal Ella Jenkin's hen do.

Defending her regular foreign trips, she previously said: "People do really love to joke about the fact that I'm always on holiday. I'm not always on holiday – I just make everything I do feel like a holiday."

"Sorry, but watching a Latvian girl dancing in her kitchen on TikTok is no match for sitting down with your grandchildren and reading them a story"

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THE Sun SAYS

Benefit Britain

ANDY Burnham has vowed his government will have a "laser-like focus" on driving economic growth.

So far, the only growth he seems to have achieved is in benefit spending and national debt. One is fuelling the other.

Last month alone, £30billion was spent on welfare payments – £2billion more than in July the previous year.

The spiralling bill meant Britain was forced to borrow an extra £1.8billion, pushing the nation's debt mountain close to a staggering £3trillion.

It leaves the Chancellor with a simple choice in his autumn Budget – squeeze runaway welfare spending or watch Britain sink even deeper into the red.

John Healey must show voters he is not afraid to make the tough choices to put Britain back on a firm economic footing.

Taking an axe to the bloated benefits bill will free up money, restore confidence and give businesses room to grow.

Britain cannot tax, borrow and spend its way to prosperity.

More free rides

HARD-WORKING taxpayers struggling to pay household bills should not feel like second-class citizens in their own country.

But many will be deeply aggrieved to learn they are subsidising free and discounted entry to tourist attractions for illegal migrants.

While most families face increased charges for a day out, asylum seekers arriving on small boats get special deals on football matches, cinema tickets and outdoor pools.

It's hardly surprising that so many are queuing up on the beaches of Northern France to hitch a ride to Britain. Those who work hard and pay into the system will feel it is yet another example of a two-tier system that punishes strivers.

Nobody wants to deny anyone access to rich British culture but if subsidised schemes are available, struggling Brits should be able to benefit too.

Compassion matters, but so does fairness.

The lounge tax

FANCY paying £272 a year just to watch the telly you already get for free?

That's the jaw-dropping prospect faced by 4.3million households if ministers press ahead with plans to switch off Freeview.

Andy Burnham says he wants to give everyone some breathing space from the soaring cost of living. But ending free-to-air terrestrial services would leave anyone without an internet connection unable to watch TV at all.

Half of pensioners say they could not afford to pay for broadband to continue watching their favourite programmes.

Without a genuinely free alternative, it would amount to a tax on living rooms for Britain's poorest families.

The PM should dump this mean-spirited idea fast.

Is rattled Reform going to blow it?

NIGEL FARAGE has finally got his feet up with a hanky on his head.

While the knackered Reform boss tries to sit on a deckchair, his party has wasted no time in using his holiday to settle some scores back home.

Nige has more than earned his break. It's been a tough few months since Reform painted the political map turquoise at the local elections.

After the savage murder of Ann Widdecombe, an unrelenting sift of party finances and a scrappy by-election in Clacton, the heady days of May seem a distant dream.

Their useful bogeyman Keir Starmer is vanquished; now a shiny new PM is eating into their poll lead with platitudes.

A new threat on the Right from Restore, plus the opening salvos of an Establishment onslaught that will continue until the next election, have left the once-bold insurgents looking rather out of sorts.

If it's a trap, too many in Reform are walking straight into it. Briefing wars have spilled beyond the watering holes of Westminster as lurid tales of paranoia and political machinations reach all the way to Washington DC.

Cold feet amid chaos

Even very senior members of Trump's administration are scratching their heads asking me: "Are Reform going to blow it?"

Mad claims about bugging offices, temper tantrums and daily attempts at one-upmanship are starting to look dangerously like the sack-of-rats collapse of Ukip, which imploded a decade ago under the weight of its own success, amateurism and too many egos.

Fed up with being locked in the cupboard, Tory defector Suella Braverman was on resignation watch, while attempts to lure over another major name collapsed after the well-known figure got cold feet amid the chaos.

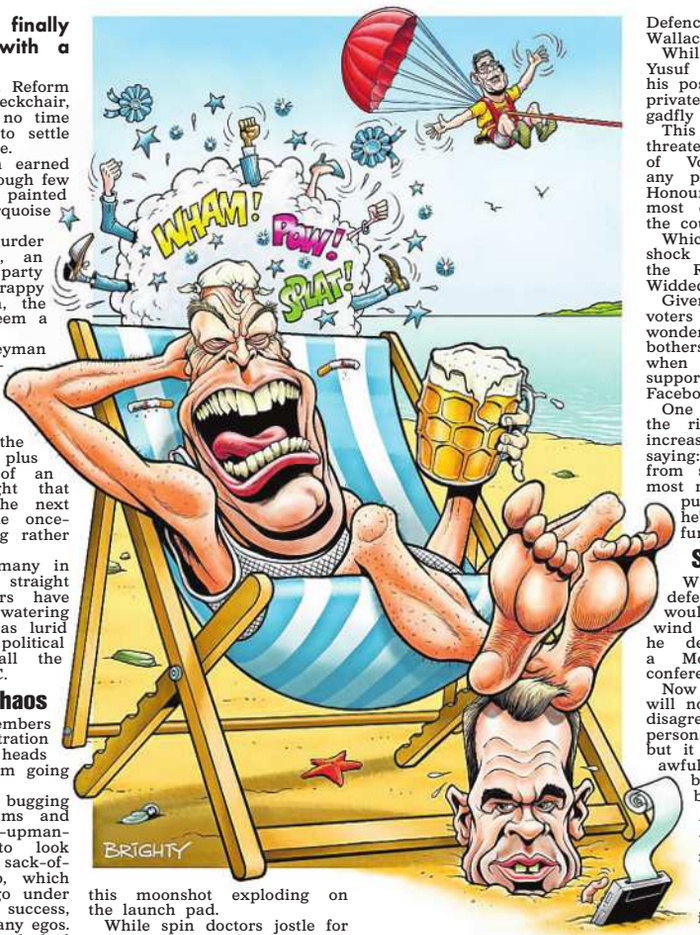
Meanwhile the backroom boys bicker about who's up, who's down, who gets to ride in the helicopter and who has the true ear of the King.

But the stakes are so much higher than back in 2015.

This isn't a single-issue campaign any more, but a very real chance to actually run the country.

Yet some Reform apparatchiks seem more interested in doing each other over than turning their fire on political opponents.

That's a major red flag to the huge amount of talent that needs to be recruited to avoid this moonshot exploding on the launch pad.



While spin doctors jostle for position, a team of policy nerds has been quietly assembled by the increasingly influential academic James Orr, who is writing a proper manifesto to be ready for an election as soon as next year.

Softly spoken but carrying a big stick, Orr has become one of the most powerful people inside the party, with his close links to the US Right and a professionalism often found lacking in Reform HQ.

He's gently trying to convert Farage's – at times varied – vision into a feasible political package to win over 35 per cent of the country, while former Tory Robert Jenrick is making sure the sums add up.

But some in Orr's orbit fear the whole thing will be a waste of time if the squabbling is not nipped in the bud and sharpish. Take Monday's hefty benefit reform policy paper. Exactly the sort of detailed proposals a functioning opposition party should be providing to tackle one of the top three issues of the day.

For the first time in months the party was back on policy rather than on the back foot over donations.

Yet before the ink was even dry on Tuesday's newspapers the suspension of prominent member Tim Montgomerie was leaked, sparking a fresh round of bloodletting after the commentator-turned-campaigner took public aim at combative Reform donor and Shadow Home Sec Zia Yusuf.

Tensions had been bubbling since Nigel Farage told our very own Jack Elsom during a chat on Clacton Pier that he would be giving Yusuf a ticking off over an ill-judged rant branding decorated former Scots Guard and ex-Tory Defence Secretary Sir Ben Wallace a "traitor".

While publicly defending Yusuf to the hilt and assuring his position is safe, Farage has privately bemoaned his man's gadfly social media use.

This week alone on X, Yusuf threatened to jail the boss of Vodafone and declared any politician deemed "Right Honourable" to be among "the most dishonourable people in the country".

Which would have come as a shock to his late colleague the Right Honourable Ann Widdecombe.

Given the limited reach to voters on the platform, many wonder why Yusuf even bothers stirring trouble there when he is gaining far more support on TikTok and Facebook.

One seasoned insider blamed the rise of Restore for the increasingly erratic content, saying: "Zia is just reeling from suddenly not being the most right-wing person in the public eye any more, so he's going further and further for attention."

Soft-soap summer

While he has plenty of defenders in the party, few would mind seeing Yusuf wind it in a bit before he derails more than just a Monday morning press conference.

Now no one is saying there will not – or should not – be disagreements and differing personalities in major parties, but it does strike me that an awful lot of bandwidth is being taken up by petty bulls**t.

If heads need to be banged together then so be it, but as Farage told me in our last interview: "I'm perfectly relaxed about people disagreeing with me. Just don't do it in public."

While Andy Burnham's soft-soap summer start may be easy to mock, Reform should be under no illusions what threat a united Left does to their hopes of taking office.

Come September the gloves will be off and there is only one party in the Government's sights.

If the PM can continue to stem Labour's haemorrhaging to the Greens, it is curtains for that 35 per cent strategy that could see Farage handed the keys to No10.

It's remarkable that he has even got this far; to blow it up now from beneath him would be an unforgivable betrayal in the eyes of millions of voters desperate for real change.

It's going to be hard enough for Farage to try to fight Burnham with a divided Right.

To make him do so with a divided party is worse than a fool's errand.

HARRY COLE SAVES THE WEST
Watch his show on YouTube

KLASS' LASSES

Picture: LIA TOBY/GETTY

SINGER Myleene Klass shows she's the leader of the pack as she and her daughters attend the premiere of The Dog Stars.

The trio wowed at the event for British director Ridley Scott's latest film, a post-apocalyptic thriller.

The former Hear'Say star, 48, dazzled in a sheer white dress alongside Ava, 19, in a cream outfit, and Hero, 15, wearing a black gown.

Australian actor Jacob Elordi, *left*, also attended the bash in London's Leicester Square and posed with one of the dogs that features in the movie.

By FREYA FRASER

GAME'S GONE

Dunces with Wolves

Furious . . . Wolves fans

WOKE BAN ON ICONIC CHANT OVER F-WORD

WOLVES fans hit out yesterday after club bosses banned their favourite pre-match anthem because it encourages swearing.

The Liquidator by Harry J Allstars had been played for decades at the Championship side's Molineux Stadium.

But Wolves bosses, acting on police pleas, have axed the tune said to prompt chants of "F*** off West Brom" against their rivals.

Supporter John Millar, 69, said: "The fans are furious. They're passionate and this obviously won't stop swearing at games.

"It's made worse by the fact West Brom still play The Liquidator and swear at us, and are now laughing at us for being so woke.

"The song hasn't been played before games for a while but I'd support a campaign to bring it back. It has always been part of our tradition and fires us up.

Fellow Wolves fan Ryan Gill said: "It's utter woke nonsense and we've missed an open goal.

"I'm not sure how telling another club to f*** off is discriminating but that's today's world we live in . . . soft as s**t."

Ryan's brother Joe said: "The one chance they get to bring the whole stadium together and fans back on side and they've fumbled it."

Supporter Rob Morris added: "It makes the higher-ups at Molineux look weak and unwilling to listen to the fans, which is nothing new with this current ownership".

Wolves executive chairman Nathan Shi, appointed by Chinese owners Fosun, said: "I respect what The Liquidator means to many Wolves supporters. But we also have a responsibility to make decisions based on where the club is today and the standards we expect around our matchday environment."

The Liquidator will be played at West Brom's Hawthorns when the sides clash in February.

Yesterday, X account The Albion Way posted: "Fair play to Nathan for respecting our pre-game song. He knows there's only one team worthy of using it round here."

Chelsea are believed to be the first club to play The Liquidator, a catchy reggae instrumental, in 1969.

By NICK PARKER

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Victim . . . PC Harper

Fury over killers still due early release

EXCLUSIVE by JULIA ATHERLEY

ANGRY campaigners have blasted plans to stop some criminals jailed for manslaughter being freed early while letting other killers walk free.

The PM is looking at removing unlawful act manslaughter from plans to cut lags' jail time.

Two of PC Andrew Harper's killers, Jessie Cole and Albert Bowers, were convicted of the offence. But victims' rights campaigner Hetti Barkworth-Nanton CBE told the Lord Chancellor "a piecemeal approach . . . would be a disgrace".

She wrote voluntary manslaughter is "the most serious form" which is "in all but name murder with a mitigating factor".

The Support After Murder and Manslaughter charity wants all manslaughter cases to be blocked from the early release scheme, designed to ease jail overcrowding.

Warning . . Dr Cunliffe

Prostate cancer every 8 minutes

By SAM BLANCHARD

ONE man is diagnosed with prostate cancer every eight minutes in Britain, Macmillan Cancer Support has revealed.

It said the number had jumped by 100,000 in the past six years – and around 600,000 live with the disease today.

Dr Anthony Cunliffe, a medical adviser with the charity, said many men do not get tested as they believe you cannot have it if you feel well.

He said: "Prostate cancer often develops without symptoms in its early stages, which is why it's important to have a conversation with your GP if you are worried."

He said doctors may recommend a PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood test. Earlier this year, however, the UK National Screening Committee said widespread screening may "cause more harm than good" because the false-positive rate is up to 80 per cent.

AFTER SWIM COMEBACK FLOPS,

EXCLUSIVE by **LAURA ARMSTRONG**

THEY fancied themselves as the new Posh and Becks.

British swimming ace Adam Peaty and his wife Holly Ramsay seemed well on their way to cementing their place as Britain's newest commercial power couple.

Sporting a shiny new hyphenated surname, Adam, 31, had hoped for more gold medals on his big comeback at this month's European Aquatics Championships in Paris.

But the pool star is instead facing the biggest crisis of his career – after his plans for a triumphant return were left in tatters.

The triple Olympic champion won 16 golds in Europe between 2014 and 2020. But the latest contest saw him suffer a series of embarrassing defeats, finishing fifth in the 100m breaststroke and 20th in the 50m – despite him holding the world record for both events.

The double blow came just weeks after Adam was beaten by his own 18-year-old protege, Filip Nowacki, at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, where he broke down in tears during a post-race interview, saying: "I deserved more – I f***ing worked for it."

Within hours of his defeat in Paris, a week-long media blackout descended around the swimmer, who is understood to be "crushed".

And Team Ramsay-Peaty – supported by Holly's celebrity parents, TV chef Gordon and his author wife Tana – are now said to be desperately regrouping as they plot their next move.

A source told The Sun: "The team's main concern is for Adam.

"He knows that sport can be brutal, and that it's important to come back stronger.

"But to have built himself back up again after the disappointment in Glasgow, only to crash out in Paris, is beyond brutal.

Painful end

"The pressure on him as a triple Olympic champion and world-record holder is huge, and this year he also had the pressure of knowing what success in the pool would do for his profile outside of it.

"To have fallen short on such a prominent stage has been crushing for him and he is taking some time out. There has been a complete blackout around him for the past week and he is being supported by the close-knit circle around him who will help him work out where he wants to go from here.

"There is also lot of thought going into how he and Holly now handle this publicly.

"Adam's remarks – made on TV in the heat of the moment – were not quite in line with the polished PR face they are trying to present."

Adam's lacklustre performance in Paris spelled the painful end of an unbeaten run at the European Championships.

After finishing eighth in his heat in the 50m breaststroke last Friday, the stunned sportsman told one journalist from Swimming World magazine: "These performances are not good enough at all. Even now I am like, it is so bad that I'm confused."

Since then the star has remained silent, as has his new wife Holly, who is due to give birth to their baby girl in December.

The source went on: "Adam's life has changed beyond recognition in the past few years, but he has maintained a heavy training block which he believed had prepared him for the Commonwealth Games and the European Championships.

"Just one month ago he was telling people he was on course for a double gold in Glasgow and that he wanted to prove 'he's still got it'.

"That's why losing those races has really shaken him."

Adam – who first competed in the Olympics at Rio 2016 – previously took a break from swimming in 2023 after suffering a "major burnout" in which he later admitted he began to hate the sport which saw him named the Greatest of All Time.

But he made a comeback in February 2024, before winning silver in the Paris Olympics that year.

He and Holly married last December in a lavish ceremony in Bath Abbey, and Adam, who was previously based in the Midlands, relocated to West London's upmarket Kensington after their wedding.

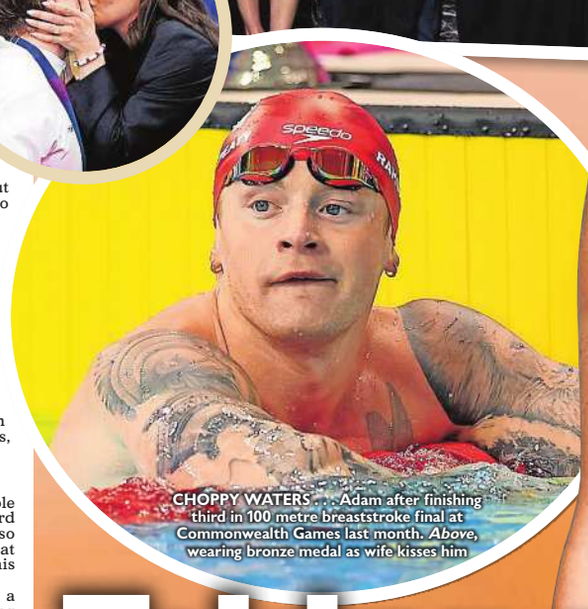
The Olympic ace, who grew up in Uttoxeter, Staffs, previously trained at nearby Repton School before Rio 2016, then at Loughborough University ahead of Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024.

When his long-time coach Mel Marshall left Loughborough to take up a job in Australia after Paris, Ramsay-Peaty returned to Repton to work with Jamie Main. He is now being coached by Lisa Bates at Chelsea & Westminster Swimming Club, splitting his training between Kensington and the London Aquatics Centre in Stratford.

Speaking about the move in March, Adam said: "We just got to that point where I feel like I really outgrew where I was. I've been training in the Midlands for 15 years-plus. I've spent my whole life there and I wanted a different challenge. It's just excitement for me. I need a lot of stimulus in my day and London is giving me

THAT SINKING FEELING . . . Adam and Holly at Being Gordon Ramsay TV launch in February

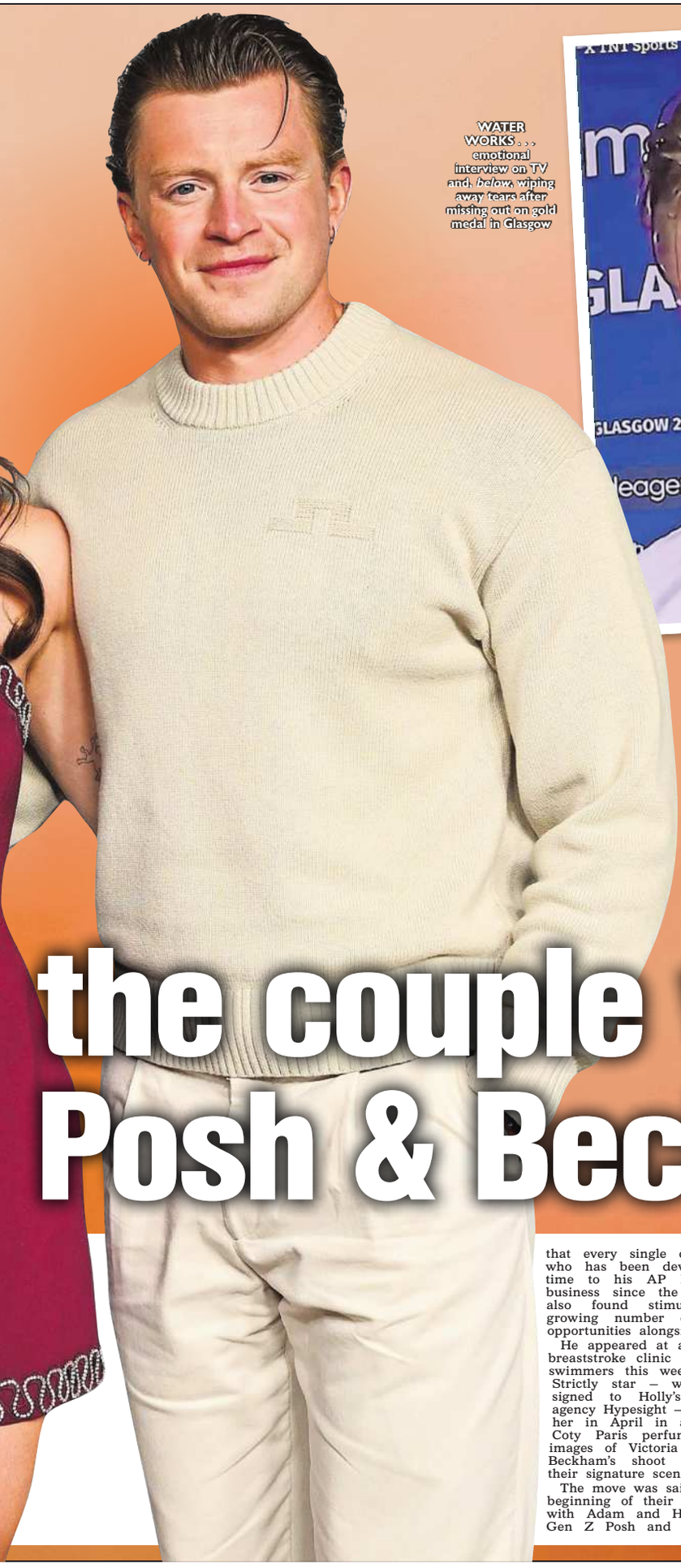
TEAM PLAYERS . . . couple alongside Gordon, his wife Tana, the Ramsays' daughter Tilly and son Oscar at Netflix event in February



CHOPPY WATERS . . . Adam after finishing third in 100 metre breaststroke final at Commonwealth Games last month. *Above*, wearing bronze medal as wife kisses him

Taking a dive... yearned to be

THE RAMSAY-PEATYS IN CRISIS MODE



WATER WORKS . . . emotional interview on TV and, *below*, wiping away tears after missing out on gold medal in Glasgow

the couple who Posh & Becks II

that every single day." Adam, who has been devoting more time to his AP Race Clinic business since the move, has also found stimulus in a growing number of lucrative opportunities alongside Holly.

He appeared at an AP Race breaststroke clinic for aspiring swimmers this week. The ex-Strictly star – who recently signed to Holly's influencer agency Hypesight – posed with her in April in a shoot for Coty Paris perfume, echoing images of Victoria and David Beckham's shoot to promote their signature scent in 2006.

The move was said to be the beginning of their new career, with Adam and Holly as the Gen Z Posh and Becks, with more deals to follow. Model Holly – who describes herself as a "digital creator" – supported her husband in Glasgow and was pictured kissing him from the stands after his race.

She later wrote online: "Proud. Watching your comeback to championship racing has been inspiring.

"It's not been easy but your determination and faith have never wavered.

"Fifty-two International Championship medals is truly incredible. You reminded us what it costs to keep coming back."

Holly is understood to have remained at home last week while Adam competed in Paris. The swimming star's parents, Caroline and Mark, were also not on the sidelines, and have not commented on his performance amid the bitter feud engulfing the family.

And after he was beaten in Glasgow at the Commonwealth Games, Adam let his frustrations spill out during an interview with the BBC – making a thinly veiled jibe at his blood family over all "the s**t I've been through" before claiming he "deserved" the gold.

The tearful star – who had finished third in the 100m breaststroke – said: "I think it's hard because I know how hard I work – I know the s**t I've been through, through no fault of my own, to be honest – but it does take a toll.

"Choices I've made over the last few months have been hard ones.

"I'm happy I could get here, I didn't quit in Paris, but I deserve more. I f***ing worked for it.

"There's a lot of unanswered questions, but that's sport – it can break you, it can make you."

'Moment to step back'

However, Adam's emotional remarks met with a barrage of criticism from commentators and fans, who branded him "arrogant" and "spoilt". BBC presenter Greg Rutherford, who called him out after the live broadcast, said: "Nobody deserves anything in sport. Everybody works equally hard.

"It's not preordained, just because you are a world record holder or Olympic champion, as he obviously is at the moment."

TalkSport's Natalie Sawyer added: "It wasn't the right thing to say."

Defiant Adam later hit back at his critics, insisting boldly: "You can't hurt me." But he appeared emotional yet again after finishing third in the 50m breaststroke, telling the BBC: "Nothing makes sense this week."

The source went on: "Adam thought he had hit a real low in Glasgow, but as we now know there was worse to come in Paris.

"He has been working so hard – he never expected these races to go how they have.

"Since last year he has been aiming for LA in 2028 and was determined to show he could walk away with multiple golds.

"But these results point to a different story, and with other doors opening up and a new baby on the way, it is possible he will decide this is the right moment to step back and focus on his family."

BIG DAY . . . Holly and Adam at their wedding in Bath in September last year

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I've deleted TikTok and done a jigsaw instead. I think I've finally found peace

LAST weekend, I made a big and sudden decision and deleted the TikTok app from my phone. And my life.

I joined about a year ago and, to begin with, I rather enjoyed it.

The algorithm had looked at my online search history, listened to my conversations and somehow monitored the thoughts in my head, and was able to serve up content that I'd like to see.

Which was mostly the speeches of Ronald Reagan.

Over time, this rather narrow band of visual entertainment broadened to include Malcolm Tucker clips from The Thick Of It and an old man who was permanently cross with the Government.

And that was all fine by me.

I was permanently cross with the Government too, and I love Malcolm Tucker. Soon, I was spending quite a lot of my time idly scrolling through videos because once every 20 minutes or so something funny or interesting would pop up.

TIKKED OFF . . . Ronald Reagan and Winnie

So then I'd scroll some more.

But I never actually posted anything myself and never once liked anyone else's posts either.

Nor did I follow anyone. I was a TikTok voyeur, not an exhibitionist.

And, plainly, TikTok doesn't like that.

TikTok needs users who are engaged because, somehow, engagement is what keeps the whole thing going.

So it started to send me stuff I really didn't like at all.

Morons with rings in their noses banging on about Palestine.

Weird beards weeping into their smoothies about climate change.

Thickos with warped views on wealth creation.

And as a result, I did start to engage, telling these people exactly what I thought of their views.

The algorithm obviously spotted this and thought: "Aha, now we know what it takes to get this man involved."

So it started sending me lots of vegans and I engaged with them, too.

Show-offs and has-beens

Then, as a final straw, a never-ending stream of Andy-bloody-Burnham looking concerned about whatever he thought he should be concerned about that day.

I'd had enough and deleted the whole damn thing, and I strongly urge you to do the same thing because my life, in just a week, has changed completely.

I've done a 1,000-piece jigsaw.

I've been for long walks in the woods with my dogs.

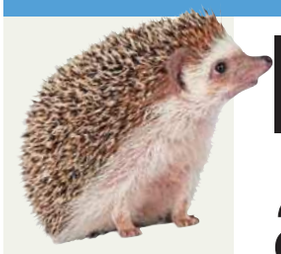
I've arranged to see friends in the pub for a pint. And my work rate has shot up as well.

TikTok had become something of an addiction. I convinced myself that it provided a window on to the soul of the nation but it's no such thing.

It's a portal into a world of idiots, show-offs and has-beens.

And I'm sorry but watching a Latvian girl dancing in her kitchen is no match for sitting down with your grandchildren and reading them a Winnie The Pooh story.

Which I now have time to do.



PREY . . . hedgehog

MAKING A MEAL OF 'HOG

I SAW my first ever hedgehog this week and, annoyingly, it was dead.

Like almost all hedgehogs in this country, it had been killed by a badger, which had used its enormous razor-sharp claws to get through the prickly exterior to the meaty centre. Which it had eaten.

And, in a twist that you don't read about in many children's stories, the badger then defecated the digested hedgehog it had devoured on to the head of the carcass.

The Cotswolds, eh? It's not all butterflies and flower-arranging.

People should be aware of that before they move here.

SOMEONE has produced a list of words that have been introduced each year so that you can see what came along at the time you were born.

And in the year of my birth, 1960, "powerslide" was invented.

Which is a good thing because, without it, I wouldn't have had a job on the telly.

AS you may have heard, the Home Office has produced a pamphlet, which will be given to Channel immigrants arriving in the UK, saying that rape is illegal and that you can't beat your wife.

This has gone down extremely badly with pro-immigration charities.

Louise Calvey, a spokesman-woman with extremely left-wing hair said this week that by telling an immigrant not to rape anyone, "the Government is fuelling hostility, suspicion and racism".

Give me strength.

I WENT WILD: IT STINKS

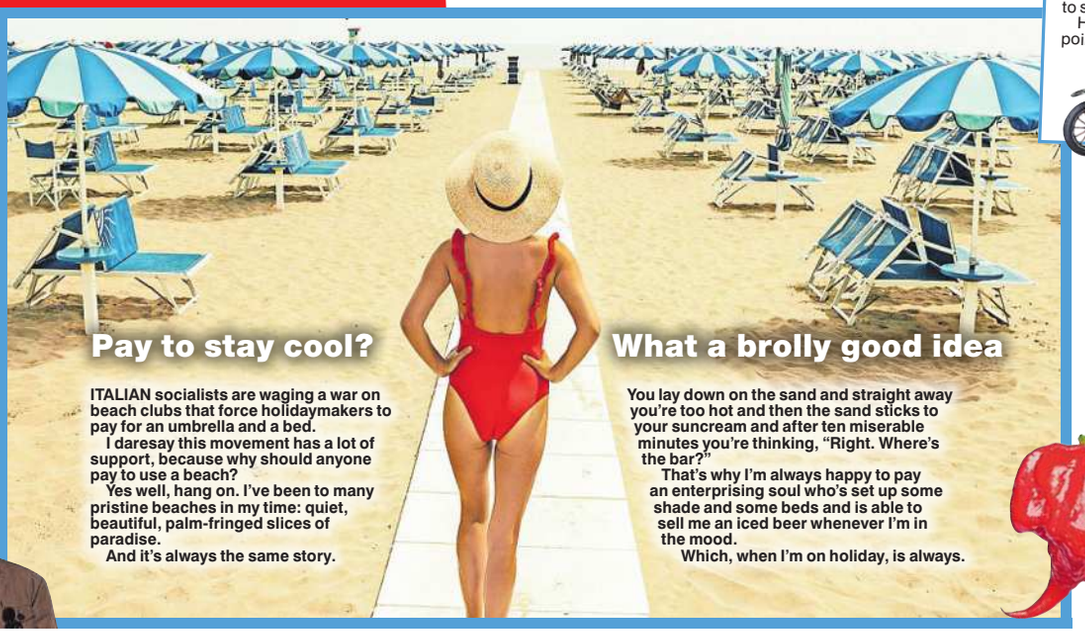
THE Guardian newspaper informed us this week that some rewilded wetlands in Somerset have remained green this summer while all the surrounding farmland is a worrying shade of beige.

Well, yes, but I think the key word here is "wetlands". Which brings us back to this rewilding business.

Initially I was a fan and ten years ago decided to leave a patch of my farm completely alone.

I did what Chris Packham, *below*, and his Guardian mates want and put nature in the driving seat.

And what I've ended up with is an impenetrable five-acre tangle of brambles, which smells terrible because of all the rotting dead wild-life in there.



Pay to stay cool?

ITALIAN socialists are waging a war on beach clubs that force holidaymakers to pay for an umbrella and a bed.

I daresay this movement has a lot of support, because why should anyone pay to use a beach?

Yes well, hang on. I've been to many pristine beaches in my time: quiet, beautiful, palm-fringed slices of paradise.

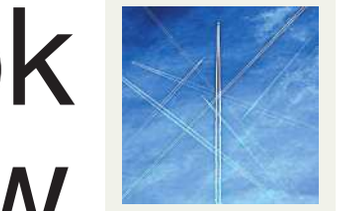
And it's always the same story.

What a brolly good idea

You lay down on the sand and straight away you're too hot and then the sand sticks to your suncream and after ten miserable minutes you're thinking, "Right. Where's the bar?"

That's why I'm always happy to pay an enterprising soul who's set up some shade and some beds and is able to sell me an iced beer whenever I'm in the mood.

Which, when I'm on holiday, is always.



WHITE LINES . . . vapour

GOING OFF THE TRAILS

THE Labourite Government has decided to spend millions of pounds on a scheme designed to reduce the number of vapour trails left in the sky by jet airliners.

They are going to discourage pilots and air-traffic controllers from flying planes through the sort of meteorological conditions where these trails might form.

They say this will reduce climate change, but I really can't see how global warming can be reduced by making planes take lengthy detours.

But also – and this may come as a surprise to our Labourite friends in government – a vapour trail is just water.

Which, in the big scheme of things, isn't very environmentally damaging at all.

THERE'S a comedian called Dan Docimo who you've almost certainly never heard of. I hadn't either.

But he does have a very wry take on AI.

He said that if any other technological breakthrough had come with some of AI's drawbacks, it probably wouldn't have caught on.

"If Henry Ford said 118 years ago, this is the Model T. It's going to revolutionise transportation.

"Also it makes a lot of child pornography and I can't get it to stop."

He has a point.

RED HOT CHILLI PECKER

TO enliven a pasta dish I made this week, I chopped up a small Carolina reaper chilli pepper, *left*, and added it to the sauce. And then, as it simmered, I went for a wee.

Top tip. If you do this, wash your hands before removing your old chap.

Because if you don't, you will have a VERY uncomfortable evening.

GIRL, 6, IN FAMILY SEA HORROR DIES

A GIRL of six has died days after her mum, dad and sister drowned when the family got into trouble on a day at the beach.

By AMIR RAZAVI

Saja El-Khawas was rushed to hospital after she and her family were swept out to sea at Shoreham, West Sussex.

All four were pulled from the water but dad Hassan, 55, mum Zeina Alyan, 37, and sister Sara, 14, died at the scene on Tuesday after a huge rescue operation.

Two helicopters, eight ambulances, lifeboat crews and the coastguard raced to the scene shortly after the alarm was raised by fishermen.

Saja – who was reportedly seen struggling in the waves before "mayhem" broke out – was rushed to hospital in a critical condition. However, officials last night confirmed the girl – who loved watching Mr Bean and reading books about animals – had died from her injuries.

Scene . . . 999 crews

It is understood the family, who were British citizens, were on a day trip from London.

Dad Hassan was a Palestinian refugee from the Rashidieh Camp in Lebanon. A probe into the tragedy has begun.

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IN THE Sun ON SUNDAY TOMORROW

ZENDAYA

How she became box office dynamite

DON'T miss Fabulous magazine tomorrow where we chart the rise of super-talented Zendaya, now one of Hollywood's most in-demand actresses.

Described as "the full package" by an insider, the star married London-born actor Tom Holland this year and is earning plaudits in the latest series of award-winning sex and drug drama Euphoria.

It's a great read.

Plus there's TV Soap for the best listings and gossip and top racing pullout The Favourite – all are FREE with The Sun on Sunday.

3 FREE SECTIONS

Cash row . . . Neamtu

Life in jail for a 2nd stabbing murder

By MIKE SULLIVAN

AN ILLEGAL immigrant who stabbed his flatmate to death in a drunken row over £5 has been jailed for life.

Eugeniu Neamtu struck just three years after he completed a jail term in his native Romania for an almost identical killing.

The construction worker stabbed Gheorghe Trica, 63, in the heart outside their flat in Walthamstow, East London, in the row over the fiver in February.

His Old Bailey trial heard he got 15 years in 2007 for murdering his housemate in a virtually identical stabbing — also in a drunken cash row.

He failed to declare his conviction when he came to Britain in 2023.

Neamtu, 59, was found guilty this week and was yesterday jailed for a minimum of 27 years.

Judge Richard Marks said: "The fact you killed another man . . . underlines in my mind how dangerous you are."

At 'crime scene' . . cops

Officers probed 'ancient remains'

By ALEX WEST

BONES discovered by builders which turned a couple's home extension into a crime scene were later found to be 1,000 years old.

Cops were alerted by a workman who unearthed a human femur during excavations.

Officers arrived and dug up two skulls, ribs, part of a pelvis, fragments of a humerus and finger bones.

Homeowners Ross and Claire Sledger were horrified at the news.

Ross said: "They thought it was a crime scene.

"They had to have an officer stay overnight."

Ten officers dug up the garden and sifted through soil at the Sledgers' home in Wye, Kent, in 2019.

Specialists have since confirmed the bones are Saxon in origin.

On Wednesday, the remains were interred following a ceremony at the nearby St Gregory and St Martin Church.

£250M OVER BUDGET AND BESET BY DELAYS, £1BN HMS GLASGOW SITS IDLE. YET SHIP ENGINEERS FIND TIME TO DOWN TOOLS FOR ELVIS KARAOKE SESSION..

Wheelhouse rock . . . ship worker in Elvis garb entertains colleagues

There's a guy works down the shipyard swears he's Elvis

A little less impersonation, a little more action please

I can't help falling behind with you..

Naming ceremony . . . Kate at Glasgow shipyard

ENGINEERS aboard a Royal Navy warship beset by delays and spiralling costs downed tools for an Elvis Presley karaoke session.

HMS Glasgow, a £1billion Type-26 anti-submarine frigate, is a year behind schedule and £250million over budget.

It was due to enter operational service next year, until the date was pushed back to October 2028.

But construction staff still found time on shift to belt out The King's 1972 hit, Burning Love. Video footage shows one crooner wearing an Elvis wig, shades and gold chains as co-workers sing along.

In a second clip, the same worker dresses as American country singer, Kenny Rogers, for a stuttering rendition of his 1978 No1 hit single The Gambler.

EXCLUSIVE by PAUL SIMS and ZARA QURESHI

Pals can be heard laughing as he struggles to read the lyrics from the karaoke autocue in front of two mobile disco lights.

A source said: "It's funny to watch, but it's definitely not right given it's a taxpayer-funded job that is already a year behind schedule and way over budget.

"Senior management have been aware of the videos for over a month and have been desperately trying to keep it under wraps.

"They knew it was only a matter of time before it leaked out."

The workers are employed by BAE Systems at the firm's Scotstoun shipyard on the River Clyde in Glasgow.

BAE was awarded the £7.9billion contract to build eight of the City-class frigates for the Royal Navy.

Work on the first, HMS Glasgow, began in July 2017, followed by HMS Cardiff and HMS Belfast, with five more due to join the fleet later.

But supply chain issues, the Covid pandemic and staff walkouts over pay have led to repeated delays.

The City-class Type 26 frigates will partially replace the Type-23s to act as the Navy's "shield and sword" against hostile submarines.

HMS Glasgow received its blessing from the Princess of Wales in May last year. Accompanied by Prince William, she smashed a bottle of whisky against the hull and formally named the ship.

BAE Systems said: "These brief incidents took place at the end of the employees' lunch break. They don't take away from the professionalism, commitment and hard work our workforce demonstrates."

Medal win . . . Isabelle

Death of teenage martial arts star

By STEPHEN MOYES

A TEENAGE taekwondo world medallist has died after suffering a cardiac arrest in her sleep.

Isabelle Sava, 19, also an aspiring lawyer, passed away on Monday despite emergency crews battling to save her.

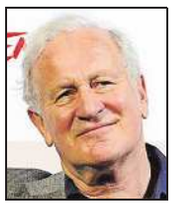
The martial arts athlete won a silver medal at the 2022 World Taekwondo Championships and had a second-degree black belt

Isabelle, from Ruislip, North West London, was due to begin her second year studying law at Queen Mary University.

Pals of her devastated parents Laura and Ovi Sava have launched a fundraiser to help with funeral costs following the couple's "sudden and unimaginable" loss.

They said: "She was their whole world – and their greatest joy.

"Isabelle had so many dreams and so much potential. Her story should have had so many more chapters."



Tributes . . . to John

Director of TV spy epic Irvin dies at 86

By AMIR RAZAVI

FILMMAKER John Irvin's children have paid tribute after his death aged 86.

The director was best known for Bafta-winning 1979 BBC miniseries Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, starring Alec Guinness as George Smiley.

Born in Wallasey and raised in South Shields, Irvin also helmed films The Dogs of War, Ghost Story, Raw Deal and Hamburger Hill, finishing his career with biopic Mandela's Gun in 2016.

Irvin's children Emilie, Luke and Amy said he had a fierce heart and commitment to social justice. They added: "Our father was the archetypal romantic warrior and storyteller, raconteur and rebel. Dad made us all laugh and cry. We will miss his wisdom, his will, his optimism and love."

He was married to Sophie from 1970 until her death in 1991. Irvin died on August 11.

THE DIFFERENT PATHS OF TWO

Elliot is Man City's £116million star. His teammate as a lad is in jail for murder

BIG SENTENCE . . . killer Ireland led away in cuffs from North Tyneside Magistrates' Court in 2019. He was later jailed for at least 15 years

DREAMING of footballing stardom, two promising youngsters pose for their academy's team photo.

But while one will kick off the new season aiming for Premier League glory with Manchester City, the other will be in a prison cell.

The different paths taken by England and City midfielder Elliot Anderson and his former teammate Ewan Ireland could not be starker.

Elliot starred for England in this year's World Cup, when the Three Lions came within a whisker of their first final for 60 years, and also secured a £116million transfer to the Etihad.

Ireland, meanwhile, could only follow the tournament on TV in the prison wing where he is serving life for the brutal murder of a random stranger.

Yet this newly-discovered team photo of the pair from 2010 – when they were both aged around nine and playing for Newcastle United's academy team – shows how it might all have been so different for Ireland.

EXCLUSIVE by ROBIN PERRIE

Those familiar with the North East's youth football scene say he could even have eclipsed Elliot's achievements.

'Ruined his life'

He was considered a better prospect, and so promising that he was compared to the young Paul Gascoigne.

One scout said: "It's bewildering when you look at the way things worked out for two lads who were incredibly talented. You have to wonder how things went so wrong for Ewan.

"He was a cracking player, one of the best from that cohort, but he went in the wrong direction while Elliot got stuck in, worked hard and let his natural talent flourish.

"Elliot was a great kid, a leader even from an early age, and it was no surprise to anyone that he succeeded in the game.

"He deserves every bit of the adulation he's now getting and he was worth his place in any side at the World Cup.

"But Ewan could have been there alongside him.

"He had the talent but lost his way so badly, and ultimately what he did was unforgivable. He ruined his own life as well."

A football coach who worked with Ireland as a youngster added: "He was compared to Gazza, he was incredible. Everyone in the football community knew of Ewan Ireland because he was outstanding.

"It's such a waste. He was the best player at the Newcastle United Academy.

OFF THE RAILS . . . Ireland as youngster

BRUTAL . . . CCTV footage showing Ireland stealing the screwdriver he used to stab Peter, *left*

Horrific crime

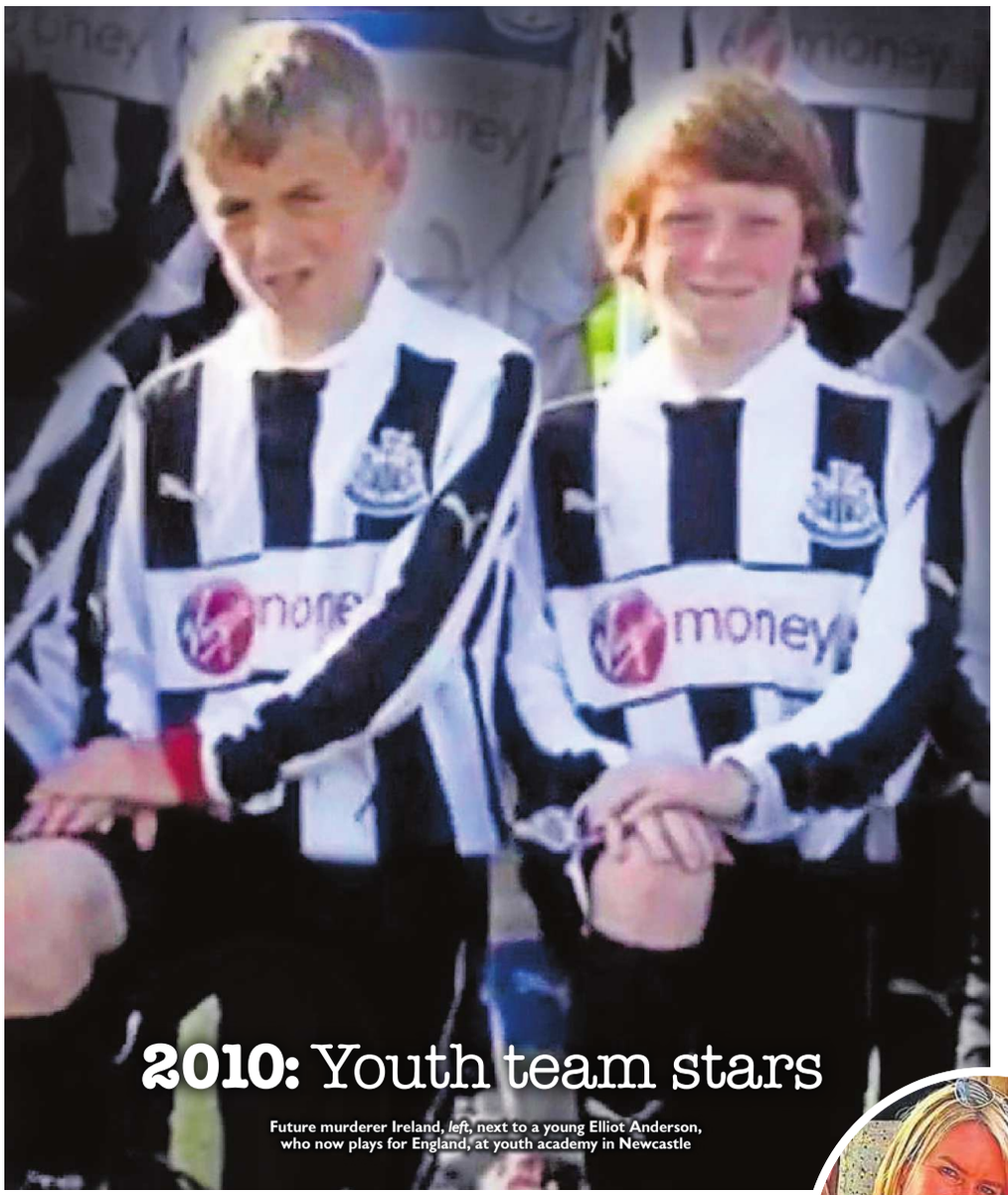
"I can remember watching him and thinking, 'This is the best kid I have ever seen'.

"He was unbelievable when he had a football at his feet, but he had a lot of problems off the pitch."

As Elliot's star rose thanks to his dogged determination to make it at the top level, Ireland drifted into a life of crime.

He was released by the academy around 2015 for disruptive behaviour and was excluded from his school

VERY TALENTED FOOTIE YOUNGSTERS



2010: Youth team stars

Future murderer Ireland, *left*, next to a young Elliot Anderson, who now plays for England, at youth academy in Newcastle

THRILLER . . . Anderson played at the World Cup and joined Manchester City in a record deal

INSPIRATION . . . Elliot is driven to succeed by memory of his late mum Helen

GREAT MATCH . . . Elliot with his lawyer girlfriend Olivia Kate Parvia at Nottingham Forest

shortly after. He was also kicked out of a local football club for taking a knife to training and clocked up a series of convictions, including chasing his own mother with a knife and throwing ammonia in a girl's face.

On August 14, 2019, he crossed paths with solicitor Peter Duncan as the dad walked through Newcastle city centre on his way to catch a bus home after work.

Ireland – 17 at the time – was armed with a 12-inch flathead screwdriver he had stolen from Poundland moments earlier in readiness for an arranged fight.

When Peter, 52, accidentally brushed past him as they walked through a shopping centre doorway, the teen erupted in fury and stabbed him in the chest.

The judge, who gave Ireland, of Westerhope, Newcastle, life with a minimum term of 15 years after he admitted murder, said: "Peter Duncan was a hard-working solicitor with a loving family. You ended his life and you brought lifelong misery and grief to others."

The earliest that Ireland can apply for parole is 2034, when Elliot, 23, is likely to once again be starring for England in a World Cup, this time in Saudi Arabia.

Ireland shamed his family with his horrific crime, but Elliot continues to be a huge source of pride to his.

Close-knit, hard-working and sports-mad, they have followed his career closely as he moved from Newcastle to Forest and on to City to play alongside stars such as Erling Haaland and Phil Foden.

While Ireland was once compared to Gazza, Elliot enjoyed similar compliments, suggesting he was heading for greatness.

In 2022, when he was 19 and still at Newcastle, he was sent out on loan to then-League Two side Bristol Rovers.

He drew comparisons to Argentine legend Diego Maradona and the label stuck, with fans starting to call him the Geordie Maradona.

And as he kicks off the season on Sunday at home to Bournemouth, ready to make headlines in his own right, he will be spurred on by the spirit of his late mum Helen, just as he was at this summer's World Cup.

She died aged 54 in April after a long illness.

During the tournament, Elliot said: "It's been tough. It helps me to get on the pitch and free my mind.

"My football over the past six months was bringing my mum happiness and getting her through what she was going through.

Spurred on

"Everything I do, I have to do it for her now."

Sporting talent runs in the family – he has two older brothers, boxer Wil, who appeared on TV's Love Island, and Louis, also a footballer.

His grandfather on his mum's side, Geoff Allen, played for Newcastle United in the 1960s while his dad Iain, 53, who runs a drilling company, was a decent non-league striker when he was younger.

Teacher Jonathan Roys, 56, who taught Elliot English and extracurricular PE and was a coach at his first club, Wallsend Boys, remembers what a promising talent he was. He said: "We had a bet on him playing for England.

"He was just on a different game. You see some good players there at eight and nine. He was exceptional."

Elliot has continued to be exceptional at every stage of his career and is set to continue bringing joy to millions of City and England fans for years to come.

Meanwhile, all his former teammate has done is bring endless heartache to an innocent man's family and friends.

PROMOTED CONTENT

THE Fun FOR KIDS

KID'S EYE VIEW

From shell collages to finding faces in trees, a little imagination goes a long way when it comes to free adventures

REMEMBER when you were little you didn't need to go to big attractions every day to have fun?

You were lifting up stones to count the worms and making dens in the park.

It's easy to continue that free fun with your own kids – if you're running low on ideas, and funds, just look at the world through their eyes.

Fun family time doesn't have to cost a thing, so forget sightseeing and spending big bucks – take the kids "Tightseeing" for free!

Specsavers knows how important it is to keep children's eyes healthy so they can enjoy all the wonders around them.

That's why it's been on a mission to celebrate the joy of Tightseeing this summer.

For more brilliant free things to do, Specsavers asked families for their own favourite quirky sights around the UK. Here are a few ideas to get you started...

DISCOVER A WHOLE WORLD OF WONDER RIGHT ON YOUR DOORSTEP! VISIT TIGHTSEEING.COM

Scan to learn more, get a Tightseeing map and book a free child's eye test*

*Under-16s entitled to NHS-funded eye test. See specsavers.co.uk/kidstests

GO WILD WITH ART

Get creative using the world around you – it's kind to nature and looks amazing!

IN THE WOODS

Collect lots of different sized sticks and make a family "portrait" on the ground. Use stones for eyes, leaves for hands and ears, and feathers or twigs for hair.

ON THE BEACH

Forget shellfish, make shell-fish. Gather as many shells as you can and create a collage on the sand, or work together on one mega fish.

UP A MOUNTAIN

Ever seen tall stone stacks (cairns) that mark routes for walkers? Take a break from your hike and use little flat pebbles to build your own mini towers.

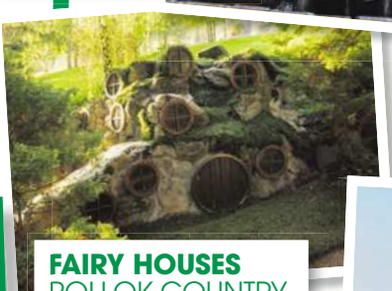
5 TOP TIGHTSEEING SPOTS

LOTS OF LOCKS FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

Canal walks are perfect for spotting colourful birds and funky insects. Even better if there's a lock to watch boats going up and down. Or how about ten in a row? Find them here.

WILLOW HIDEOUT HYDE PARK, LONDON

Right by the Serpentine (brill for boating) stands one of the most amazing weeping willow trees – so big and weepy you can stand under it and be completely hidden!



WITCHY STONES HASTINGS BEACH, EAST SUSSEX

Flints with holes through them are a local treasure here, hiding among pebbles on the beach. It's thought that if you look through them, you'll see magical or spooky scenes…

FAIRY HOUSES POLLOK COUNTRY PARK, GLASGOW

This huge green space has loads of room for running around, but a slower pace reaps rewards. Stroll along its trails and seek out the tiny village of enchanting homes hidden in the woodland.

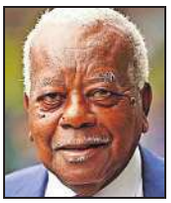
MONSTER SPOTTING SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTSHIRE

Some of the trees here are more than 1,000 years old – no wonder kids see weird faces in the twisted bark of their trunks. Look for "monsters" hiding in the tree trunks at your local park, too!

WHERE DO I LIVE?

Draw a line to connect these animals to their homes

Specsavers Tightseeing



Cash . . . Sir Trevor

Sir Trev's not a fan of animal cash bid

By ELEANOR GUNN

EX-ITN newsreader Sir Trevor McDonald says the Bank of England should not replace historical figures on banknotes with animals.

And the 87-year-old journalist said if creatures are used, they should be "lions, tigers and elephants" to "convey a sense of something serious".

The Bank has asked the public to pick from 18 native species including dolphins, owls and bumblebees for the back of the next £5, £10, £20 and £50 notes. The King's image will remain on the front.

Governor Andrew Bailey will decide by the end of the year.

But Sir Trevor said the suggestions were too lightweight and did not have enough gravitas.

He said: "Money is not soft and insignificant – it's hard to earn and deserves our respect."

Unique . . . Apple-1

£300k for Apple's first 1970s home PC

By THOMAS GODFREY

A UNIQUE Apple-1 computer built into a typewriter case fetched nearly £300,000 at auction.

The working machine, complete with a cassette recorder for data, is thought to have first been sold at the Byte Shop in California in 1976.

The store was the first retailer to order the groundbreaking tech from creators Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

This machine was installed in a Smith-Corona Electra 120 typewriter case.

The Apple-1 was essentially just a motherboard.

Buyers had to supply their own case, keyboard and power supply.

It had just an 8K memory – around 600,000 times less than today's standard Apple machines – and was discontinued in 1977. Around 70 survive – 20 working.

The vintage technology sparked a bidding war at RR Auction, Boston, USA.

AND THERE'S MOURNING..

MOURNERS give it some welly at Jimmy Cricket's funeral yesterday.

The Northern Irish comic, known for his catchphrase "and there's more", had his trademark boots and bowler hat on display at Salford Cathedral.

Fellow entertainers Tommy Cannon Stu Francis, Syd Little and Roy Walker were among those paying respects to the father of four.

Jimmy, real name James Mulgrew,

By HOWELL DAVIES

died aged 80 this month after a short illness. A requiem Mass was led by his priest son, Father Frankie Mulgrew, while his stand-up comic daughter Katie asked guests to wear a bow tie in a nod to her fun-loving dad's fashion.

She said: "We are heartbroken but he was pure joy and we just wanted to tip our bow ties to him."

Fun farewell . . . nods to Jimmy at his funeral where mourners included, from left, Cannon, Francis, Little and Walker

FURY AT '2-TIER' FREEBIES

MIGRANTS GET £340 DAYS OUT FOR £30

EXCLUSIVE by THOMAS GODFREY, Data Journalist

MIGRANTS can enjoy days out that would cost hard-pressed families up to £340 for just £30, a Sun investigation can reveal.

We found 21 attractions, ranging from a cathedral and royal botanic gardens, to museums, theatres and swimming pools, which offer free or heavily discounted entry to asylum seekers.

The combined cost of a single adult ticket at every venue is £337, but the total for a migrant is just £28 – a massive effective discount of 92 per cent.

Most of the savings are accessed using a Home Office-issued Application Registration Card.

The card allows migrants free entry to Canterbury Cathedral, where an adult ticket costs up to £18.50.

Kew Gardens in South West London offers entry for 85p while most other visitors must pay £24.50.

In Bath the city's Roman Baths are free for migrants under its Sanctuary Programme and £33 for others.

Museums in Bristol and Oxford are also free, as are some Nottingham theatres.

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp said: "It is so unfair. Why should asylum seekers get freebies at the expense of the taxpayer?"

Rob Bates, of the Centre for Migration Control, hit out at "a two-tier society prioritising illegal migrants over British citizens".

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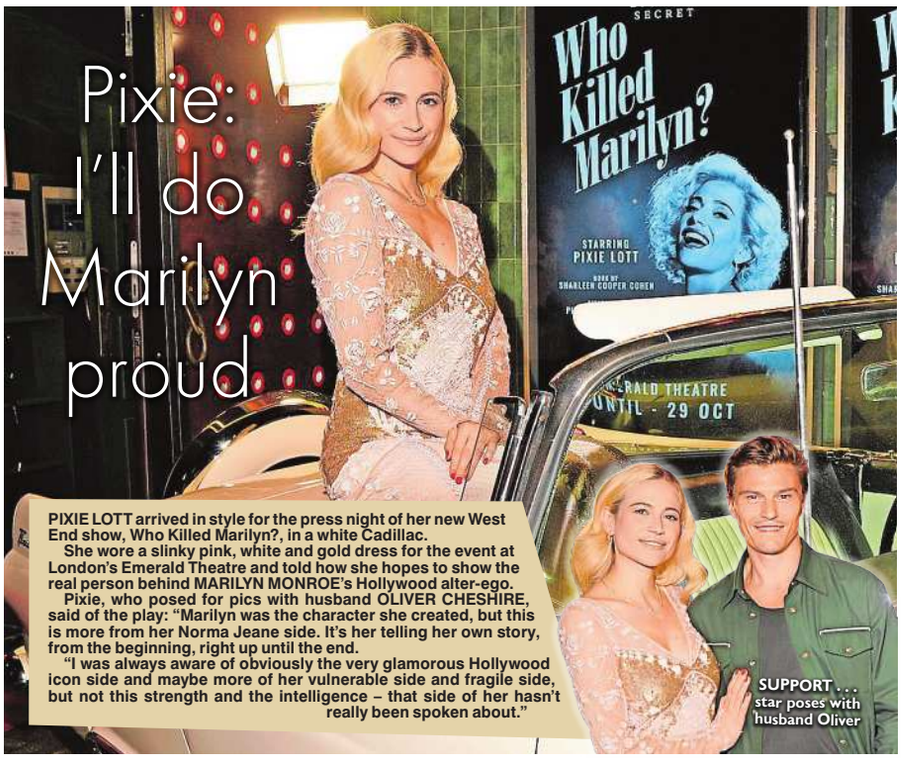
KEW GARDENS
ADULT: £24.50
MIGRANT: 85p

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL
ADULT: £18.50
MIGRANT: FREE

Pixie: I'll do Marilyn proud



SUPPORT . . . star poses with husband Oliver

PIXIE LOTT arrived in style for the press night of her new West End show, Who Killed Marilyn?, in a white Cadillac.

She wore a slinky pink, white and gold dress for the event at London's Emerald Theatre and told how she hopes to show the real person behind MARILYN MONROE's Hollywood alter-ego.

Pixie, who posed for pics with husband OLIVER CHESHIRE, said of the play: "Marilyn was the character she created, but this is more from her Norma Jeane side. It's her telling her own story, from the beginning, right up until the end.

"I was always aware of obviously the very glamorous Hollywood icon side and maybe more of her vulnerable side and fragile side, but not this strength and the intelligence – that side of her hasn't really been spoken about."

NETFLIX has snapped up the rights to a documentary all about US singer and actress **JESSICA SIMPSON**.

The project will be headed up by Joe Pearlman, who directed **ROBBIE WILLIAMS'** 2023 series on the platform.

Jessica, *inset*, found fame as a pop star in the early noughties alongside **BRITNEY SPEARS** and **CHRISTINA AGUILERA**, with hits like I Wanna Love You Forever, With You, and a cover of These Boots Are Made For Walkin'.

She's since sold 20 million records and had a high profile marriage, and divorce, to American singer-songwriter **NICK LACHEY**.

CELEBRITY Big Brother star **DANNY BEARD** may wear wigs in their drag shows, but they wants everyone to know the importance of hair care.

The performer is the new face of Method haircare brand – creating a full dance video to show off their not-so-natural locks.

Apparently, 71 per cent of us say freshly washed hair has a positive effect on our mood.

To be fair to Danny, I also perform a full choreographed dance routine in the shower.

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Keep kids entertained without spending a fortune. Forget sightseeing – go Tightseeing with no-cost activities, in The Sun today

Specsavers Tightseeing

SOME CLAIM NEW MJ BIOPIC IS A COVER-UP

MICHAEL JACKSON'S biopic sequel will explore the sexual abuse allegations made against the late King of Pop, but won't tell it from the victims' side.

The Smooth Criminal singer's nephew **JAFAAR JACKSON**, *right*, played him in the first film, Michael, which came out this year and made more than $1billion at the box office.

He has said the follow-up will be from MJ's point of view. But that has already ruffled feathers among people who believe it will skate over the serious allegations.

Jafaar told GQ Middle East: "The second film will give more insight from his point of view, because [the allegations] are always from someone else's.

"It's someone else's story . . . and it's mainly driven by an agenda. That's the issue we have as a family – not having Michael's voice heard. That is very important."

There are high hopes for the sequel, after the first movie became the highest-grossing biopic and has sent Jacko's greatest hits album back up the charts.

FAMILY . . . Jafaar Jackson playing Michael, *inset*

SHAGGY'S 007 HEAVEN

SHAGGY lived up to his name when he got hitched at the GoldenEye resort in Jamaica – where **IAN FLEMING** wrote James Bond – by intimating he got frisky on the author's desk.

The It Wasn't Me singer, who married wife Rebecca in 2014, admitted: "It's a magical desk. I did a different kind of magic on the desk – but we're not going to talk about that."

On **ALAN CARR**'s travel podcast Life's A Beach, Shaggy, *above*, also said one of the best things about being a celeb is never complaining.

"I just have someone complain for me," he said. "I'm famous. I can do that."

the charts

AMERICAN singer **PHOEBE BRIDGERS** scores her first solo No1 album with Lost Weekend, narrowly beating new entries from **KATSEYE**, **THE SCRIPT** and **JUNGLE**.

Meanwhile **SAM FENDER** and **OLIVIA DEAN**'s Rein Me In is still reigning supreme with a 22nd week at No1.

SINGLES

1. Rein Me In – **SAM FENDER & OLIVIA DEAN**
2. Dai Dai – **SHAKIRA & BURNA BOY**
3. Choosin' Texas – **ELLA LANGLEY**
4. Movin' To The Sun – **HUGEL, IMAEL ANGEL & ULTRA NATE**
5. Boston – **STELLA LEFTY**
6. Hate That I Made You Love Me – **ARIANA GRANDE**
7. Great Expectation – **SIENNA SPIRO**
8. The Cure – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
9. On 2nite – **SILVA BUMPA**
10. Man I Need – **OLIVIA DEAN**

ALBUMS

1. Lost Weekend – **PHOEBE BRIDGERS**
2. Wild – **KATSEYE**
3. The User's Guide To Being Human – **THE SCRIPT**
4. Sunshine – **JUNGLE**
5. The Essential – **MICHAEL JACKSON**
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GOT GOSSIP? CALL OR WHATSAPP THE **BIZ BATPHONE**

ELLIE HENMAN'S

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SAM SMITH says they have never been as proud of an album as new record Hazel Eyes.

The LP came out yesterday and is reminiscent of their 2014 debut, In The Lonely Hour. It is all about falling in love with fashion designer CHRISTIAN COWAN.

Sam, who confirmed their engagement last month, said: "I don't think I've ever been as proud of myself or an album.

"This album will always mark one of the most magical, confronting, happiest and challenging times of my life as a person and an artist."

Sam will play two nights at Manchester's Albert Hall on September 3 and 4 before kicking off an eight-night residency at the London Coliseum on September 8.

AYDA NOW INACTIVE

FASHION FAIL . . . Ayda

WHEN one door closes, another opens – and that's exactly what's happened to **ROBBIE WILLIAMS** and his wife **AYDA FIELD**.

After he launched new clothing line Hopeium last week, hers, Ayda Activewear, was put on ice.

Former Loose Women panellist Ayda debuted her range of cool athleisure clobber in 2022 and it was initially a big success – but things became more tricky.

A source said: "The market is fiercely competitive and while Ayda Activewear did take off, business has been tough recently.

"The way the markets are, it's becoming increasingly difficult for brands like this to operate.

"Naturally she hopes one day she could open it back up, but only time will tell."

Shoppers visiting Ayda's website are now greeted with a message blaming "sizeable tariffs and overall economic uncertainty" for a "pause" in trading.

In a personal note, she wrote: "I envisioned clothes that were ready to reflect and tackle the chaos of my life and make me feel f***ing fantastic while doing it. Thanks to you all, I got to do just that.

"It's been an absolute pleasure and I thank you so much for the enduring support. For now we're hitting the pause button but don't worry – we're still stretching and dreaming . . . and wearing leggings every damn day."

Amen to that, Ayda.

GORILLAZ IN THE MIX

Damon shacks up with band lover

DAMON ALBARN has found the woman to drag him off his very own Melancholy Hill.

The **BLUR** frontman's 25-year relationship with Suzi Winstanley ended four years ago, but now I'm told he has been secretly dating long-time **GORILLAZ** collaborator **REBECCA FRECKLETON** for almost a year.

And now things have got more serious, as pals say the couple are shacked up in his London pad.

My exclusive photos show that Damon and Rebecca are absolutely smitten, and I'm told they've been inseparable for months.

I first heard whispers about their relationship late last year, with friends telling me Rebecca and Damon's friendship was moving to the next level.

Over the past few months, the pair have been seen together in public on a handful of occasions.

"Damon and Rebecca are in love and their friends couldn't be happier for them," one insider told me.

"After his split from Suzi in 2022, Damon took some time to find himself again. It was a few years later he started to grow closer to Rebecca. They've been seeing each other for almost a year now.

"He's got a place in London and she's there all the time with him.

"She's been seen out walking his dog, too. They make a lovely couple and it's been great to see Damon so happy again."

I first revealed Damon and Suzi, the mother of his daughter, Missy, had split three years ago.

The pair ended their relationship in 2022, with friends revealing the news early the following year.

Damon, who wrote On Melancholy Hill for Gorillaz album Plastic Beach in 2010, poured his heartbreak into Blur's comeback album, The Ballad Of Darren, which came out in 2023 and went straight to No1.

And he had the same success with Gorillaz's latest record, The Mountain, which hit the top spot in the album chart back in March.

Rebecca was on board for that project and sang backing vocals on their track, The Empty Dream.

Damon certainly won't have any of those with Rebecca by his side.

TENDER . . . Damon and Rebecca stroll arm in arm in West London this week

CLAPTON HOTEL SLAPPED DOWN

MUSICIAN Eric Clapton's country hotel has been rocked by a one-star food hygiene rating.

By PAUL SIMS

Inspectors hit the guitarist's 18th century Burythorpe House with a "major improvement necessary" notice.

Clapton, 81, bought the four-star hotel near Malton, North Yorks, in 2013 after regular trips to the moors. It boasts 14 "elegant and stylish bedrooms, comfortable lounges with roaring log fires and landscaped gardens and grounds".

It also has the well-regarded Priory restaurant, can hold weddings for up to 150 guests and scores 4.5 stars out of five on TripAdvisor.

But bosses were left "very upset" by a scathing one-star Food Standards Agency rating. An inspection last month found food safety management required "major improvement".

One-star rating . . . Eric

The hotel's general manager Alison Gaskell said: "I was, of course, initially very upset after the initial inspection. To clarify, the house dates back to the 18th century and is a listed building.

"This can make planning essential works trickier as we have to be mindful of the internal structure. All the required work to the kitchen has now been completed."

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Selected stores. Subject to availability. Which? tracks the prices of around 240 branded products every day over the course of a month to work out the average cost per item. Which? then adds up those averages to get a total for each retailer. They include special offers, loyalty prices where applicable but not multibuys. Comparison between Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Waitrose and Ocado. February 2026: 245 products checked daily at Asda (average £823.58 versus next cheapest Tesco with Clubcard £837.43). March 2026: 241 products checked daily at Asda (average £813.16 versus next cheapest Tesco with Clubcard). April 2026: 240 products checked daily at Asda (average £795.21 versus next cheapest Tesco with Clubcard £821.67). May 2026: 234 products checked daily at Asda (average £791.55 versus next cheapest Tesco with Clubcard £811.66). June 2026 232 products checked daily at Asda (average £783.31 versus next cheapest Tesco with Clubcard £804.68). July 2026: 224 products checked daily at Asda (average £769.80 versus next cheapest Tesco using a Clubcard (£781.07) source: https://www.which.co.uk/policy-and-insight/article/asda-cheapest-for-branded-groceries-with-some-products-costing-more-than-twice-as-much-elsewhere-arF8i714ePzd. For verification see ASDA.com/verification. Selected stores and lines. Subject to availability. May exclude Asda Express and small stores, see ASDA.com/small stores

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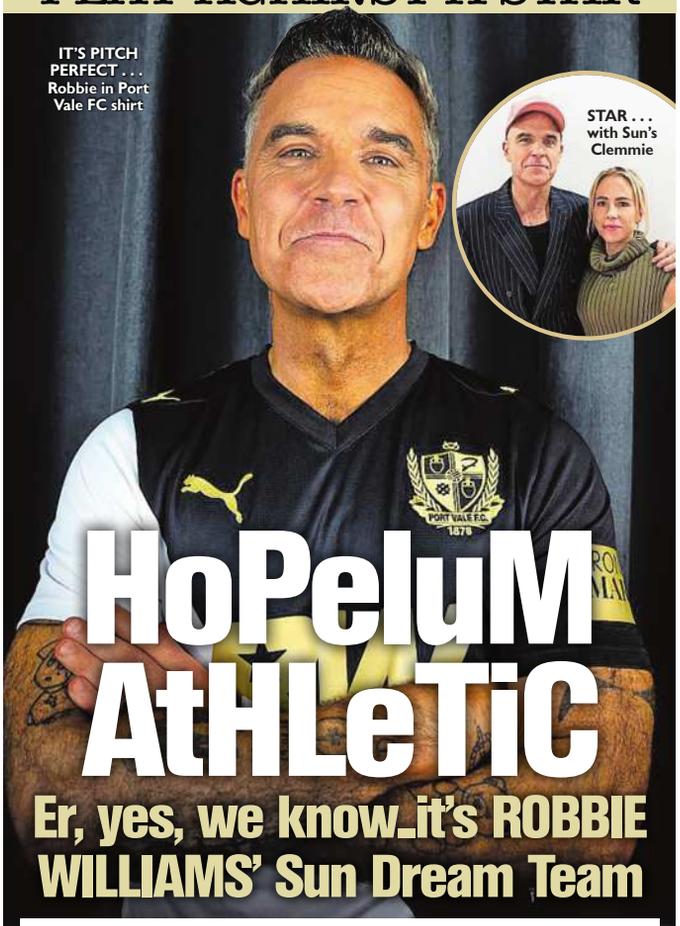

HoPeluM AtHLeTiC

Er, yes, we know..it's ROBBIE WILLIAMS' Sun Dream Team

SUN Dream Team superfan Robbie Williams has unveiled his starting XI ahead of the return of the Premier League.

EXCLUSIVE by CLEMMIE MOODIE

The singer and Port Vale supporter is urging fans to take him on in our annual fantasy football league, which he is playing under the team name HoPeluM AtHLeTiC (*nope – no idea, either*).

Robbie says: "I am a Dream Team superfan. I have done a team every year for maybe the past 15 years, and I've finished in the top 1,000 a couple of times.

"The fixtures look incredible for Man Utd, especially over the first couple of weeks.

"My team is very Man United-heavy. I'm trying to fit in Arsenal where I can. I have Erling Haaland in my team, of course, because there's not much to rely on this year.

"We've got a bunch of brand new managers and we don't know what's gonna happen.

"Most of the centre forwards in the Premier League you cannot rely on, like you could rely on them in the past. But you can always rely on Haaland."

Robbie spoke to us (I am joined by The Sun's footie supremo Dean Scoggins) from France, midway through his world tour. Between touring and jumping on private jets, Robbie will be checking the app daily. He reckons his selection may change up to 60 minutes before kick-off.

This man, it seems, is determined to win from the £100,000 prize pot. But what is Deano's verdict of Rob's star line-up?

"I'm very, very impressed," he says over our three-way call. "Having Joao Pedro and Haaland up front is amazing. To be able to get both of them in and afford both, that's really good going."

So what of my team, Showbusiness Rovers?

Robbie says: "You put in three players who are injured or leaving."

So he kindly draws me up a new one, keeping just Haaland and Saka. He calls my new squad Moodie Blues FC, and we all agree it is much better.

Since being set up in the mid-Nineties, Dream Team has become the biggest and best fantasy football competition in the business.

Last season, Haaland – who appears in 76.3 per cent of all teams – was the record point scorer with 448 points.

The Man City striker beat Liverpool's Dominik Szoboszlai (353) and Arsenal's Gabriel (321) into second and third place respectively.

Audree . . . and Jamie

Roblox: Suicide teen had no rights

By LAUREN UTTLEY

GAMING platform Roblox denied responsibility for the suicide of a 13-year-old girl as she "waived her rights" aged eight.

Jamie Seitz claimed daughter Audree Heine died in 2024 due to its toxic content. Its parental controls also failed to protect her from extremist groups glorifying violence, including school shootings, she said.

Roblox argues Audree and her family, from North Kentucky, waived their right to trial "28 times", including when they created her account, and accepted terms.

The firm, with Discord and TikTok which are also named in the wrongful death lawsuit, said the Kentucky federal court should dismiss her claim.

Discord claimed Audree used an adult birthdate when she registered.

But Ms Seitz called that "insulting", adding: "She was a child. She didn't understand contracts."

Burglar . . . Szymanski

Jailed for helping hims-elf to Dobby

By ROB PATTINSON

A THIEF who stole a life-sized statue of Harry Potter's Dobby the house elf has been jailed for four years.

Krystian Szymanski, 42, broke into properties while residents were away, smashing windows before ransacking homes in search of valuables.

He stole more than £24,000 of belongings from one address during burglaries in Southampton and Exeter between January and June 2026.

Other items he nicked included jewellery, medals, watches and tech.

Hampshire Constabulary said: "One victim explained that many items represented family history, cherished memories and possessions that could never truly be replaced."

Szymanski admitted four burglaries at Southampton crown court, with two others and two frauds taken into consideration.

RIDDLE OF 'CHINESE PRIEST'

Putin's piper

In uniform . . Bohan in occupied Donetsk and, right, playing at Wagner Group event

Windbag . . . Bohan at games in Aberfeldy

Warmonger . . . President Putin

WAGNER FIGHTER WINS SCOTTISH BAGPIPE TITLE

A CHINESE "priest" who boasts of joining in Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine has won a bagpiping contest in Scotland.

EXCLUSIVE by JEROME STARKEY and OLIVER NORTON

Cheng Bohan, 26, has shared a video online of himself in full Russian military gear brandishing an AK-47 assault rifle and a rocket-propelled grenade.

In another clip, he wears army fatigues as he plays the pipes in front a banner of the Wagner group, state-funded mercenaries banned as terrorists in Britain.

Bohan is pictured in body armour emblazoned with a Russian flag in April 2025 and was appeared in a further clip proclaiming "Glory to airborne forces" outside Moscow's defence ministry.

Just last month, he shared a post from occupied Donetsk of himself clutching a gun captioned: "For Russia."

He has also worn the insignia of the notorious Pyatnashka Brigade, part of the Russian Volunteer Assault Corps, known for recruiting foreign fighters.

Yet Bohan, who claims he only visits Ukraine to distribute aid, has made several visits to Scotland in recent years and was back on a visa last week where he played at the Inverkeithing Highland Games in Fife.

Described as chairman of China Bagpipe Association in his social media profiles, he had earlier bagged two amateur class wins at the World Solo Amateur Piping Competition at Piping Live! 2026 in Glasgow. The Sun caught up with Bohan, who is from Guangzhou, at the event where he was dressed in a Royal Stewart tartan and traditional Glengarry hat.

When faced with the proof of his pro-war posts, he claimed it was a "cosplay" – performance art where people dress up in costumes and accessories.

He said: "In China it's very popular." He added that wearing Russian uniform was a mark of "respect".

Bohan, chief executive officer of the Daoist Association of Russia, denied fighting for Putin and said he would be in trouble in his homeland if he did.

He said: "If you are Chinese and you join, you get arrested. It's against the law, you know. It's a mercenary thing."

Asked if he had linked up with Russian fighters in Ukraine, he replied: "Not that I know of." And quizzed on whether he could understand criticism of his actions, he said: "I understand. Britain is supporting Ukraine. Because I am Chinese I don't bring all these warfare related here. That's why I only wear kilt in Scotland."

Scotland's National Piping Centre said it was not aware of his military posts.

A spokesman added: "Mr Bohan is a paying CLASP (the Competition League for Amateur Solo Pipers) member for the 2025-26 year and has entered competitions on that basis.

"Mr Bohan has not received any grant, financial assistance or other support from the National Piping Centre. The NPC has also never sponsored or supported a visa application for Mr Bohan."

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MAXI ...
GoodHome Stevia range
in matt midnight blue

COOK UP A LOOK

From statement tiles to trending shades: four ways to design your kitchen like a pro

REDOING your kitchen? Brace yourself – the choices are endless.

You need to think about how you will use the space, layout, appliances and cooking needs.

And that's before you even get round to deciding which style and colour work best.

But B&Q has your back. There's a free design service, as well as a range that has been helpfully broken down into four distinct looks to make it easier to understand what you need – and match up with your taste.

That means you can be sure the worktop will go with the flooring and there are enough cupboards and drawers to suit your needs. In short: less clutter, less stress.

So where to start? The four styles are classic, modern, Scandi and maxi.

FOREVER IN STYLE

Classic often means traditional, but it's also timeless: think warm neutrals highlighted with heritage shades of green and blue.

The materials have a natural feel – stone and wood – and can be accented with elegant handles in brass or chrome effect.

This look never goes out of fashion. It provides the ideal canvas for personal touches – a space for the family to gather and feel at home.

The layout has a focus on symmetry, which the brain finds comforting, and the finish is all about the details.

For this style, choose Shaker doors from the Tydeman, Alpinia or Garcinia ranges in colours including porcelain, pebble and linen. Add a Belfast sink and you're done.

LESS IS MORE

A modern design creates a seamless appearance – ideal for a contemporary home.

This approach is typically more minimal than the classic, with a clean, pared-back feel.

Think texture, smoked glass, brass effect hardware and a natural wooden floor for a warmer feel.

Consider large tiles or wide plank floorboards with fewer grout lines and joins.

You'll want to pick cabinet doors that are completely flat, perhaps in carbon black or ocean blue, or maybe steel, dove or anthracite if you prefer a minimal grey palette.

NORDIC SOUL

Scandi is the most popular and familiar vibe.

Functional but cosy, natural but not unfinished, and relaxed without being careless, its versatility will suit most properties.

Once again, the base is soft tones, bringing in greens and subtle clean colours to create neutral, airy, light spaces.

Add in texture with wicker and rattan, and then set it off with satin rather than polished metals.

Choose cabinet doors like those in the Stevia or Garcinia ranges in sandstone or reed green – you can even mix and match with the new Rivero natural oak or walnut ranges to create an island space.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

Maxi is for those who are confident about what they like and want the room to blend with their home's bold interiors.

It's the most 'you' of the four looks – eclectic, but not messy.

Each element should come together perfectly in a marriage of personality and function.

SCANDI ... GARCINIA RANGE IN GLOSS REED GREEN WITH RIVERO NATURAL OAK

PROMOTED CONTENT

SEASON TO TASTE

Combine materials, colours and finishes to make your kitchen pop

Scandi A cosy retreat with pale hues like soft greens, paired with natural wood accents

Maxi Full of character with bold colours – like pink or blackberry – that announce themselves

Modern Rich, dark shades with warm lighting and statement worktops

Classic Welcoming and timeless with neutral tones and decorative touches

CLASSIC ... ALPINIA RANGE IN MATT IVORY

MODERN ... GARCINIA RANGE IN MATT CARBON WITH RIVERO WALNUT

Maxi can be full of colour – a patterned tile or feature wallpaper – but it doesn't have to assault the senses.

For inspo, look to your own wardrobe: what you wear shows what brings you joy.

Not sure which colour scheme to pick? B&Q's experts are there to help.

Whether you want to make a statement with colour or with features, the choice is yours.

Bold shades like antique rose, blackberry and ocean blue provide instant personality, while neutral tones create a backdrop for patterned tiles, dramatic splashbacks and veined worktops that become the focal point.

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Record . . . Max

Eat king's 10 bagels in under five mins

By WILL BARKER

A SLIMLINE YouTuber set a UK record after scoffing ten filled bagels in under five minutes.

Max Stanford, 38, known as Max vs Food, polished off the sausage and fried egg-stuffed treats in four minutes and 40 seconds.

The 5,900-calorie feast contained more than twice the average daily calorie intake for a man.

Max, who is 6ft 2in and around 12st, beat competitor JJ Da Lion by 90 seconds in the British Eating League event at Sabsdeli cafe, in Romford, East London, last Saturday.

League founder Craig Harker said: "What Max is achieving is phenomenal and something we've never seen before in UK competitive eating.

"Four British Eating League Championships in a row and now on course for an incredible fifth speaks for itself."

Jailed . . . Watkins

Son stole parents' 4x4 over will snub

By ALEX WEST

A SON stole his parents' Land Rover after being left out of their will.

Rhys Watkins, 39, was disinherited by his mum and stepdad who died a short time apart.

A court heard their assets had been left in a trust for their grandchildren before Watkins broke into their home in Barry, South Wales, and took the vehicle's keys.

He fled in the 4x4 but was arrested days later in Cardiff, and told officers: "It ain't burglary. It was my mother's house."

Watkins claimed his stepdad's family had a vendetta against him.

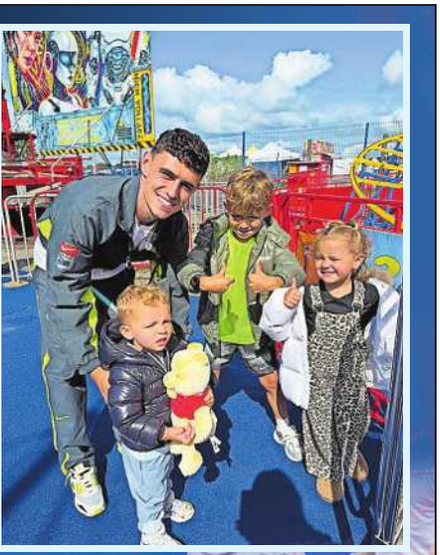
Police found messages to his brother discussing sharing the profits from selling the vehicle.

Watkins, who had a drug addiction, admitted burglary, theft, 11 shop thefts, assaulting three officers and failing to surrender to custody. He was jailed for 20 months at the city's crown court.

CITY ACE'S BARGAIN BREAK

Park life . . . Ronnie and True enjoy seaside visit

Winner . . . Phil shows off cuddly toys in arcade



Thumbs up . . . from kids with dad on holiday

Foden Phils his boots at £9.50 hols park

Ride time . . . Phil and his children enjoy train

FOOTIE ace Phil Foden and his family have enjoyed a caravan park break along with Sun readers on our amazing £9.50 holidays.

The £230,000-a-week Man City and England international took his partner and kids to the coast before the new season starts.

Foden, 26, Rebecca Cooke and children Ronnie, seven, True, five, and Phil Jnr, two, enjoyed rides, the penny arcade and even won teddies on a grabber machine at Lyons Winkups Holiday Park in Towyn, North Wales.

And Phil was happy to pose for pictures with fans who were delighted to see him enjoy a down to earth holiday, despite having millions in the bank.

EXCLUSIVE by RICHARD MORIARTY

A source said: "Phil spent lots of time on caravan parks when he was a kid and wants to ensure his children have as normal an upbringing as possible. They all had a great time and he even won some teddies for them."

Foden was left out of England's World Cup squad which made the semi-final at the US, Mexico and Canada tournament.

He has spent the summer on fishing trips and a holiday to Disneyland Paris with his family.

In action . . . Foden

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90% SEE SCHOOL RUN ROAD RAGE

NINE in ten parents have seen road rage on the school run, a study found.

By JOHN LUCAS

Badly parked cars, vehicles blocking roads and speeding were the biggest gripes in a poll of 1,000 mums and dads.

A third said their kids had nearly been hit by another vehicle – and one in 20 have been in a collision.

A fifth reckon driving behaviour around schools is worse after returning from the holidays due to busier roads and families rushing to get back into school timings.

Some 38 per cent think the school run has worsened in recent years, with 71 per cent finding it stressful. But a third admitted they drove faster than they should due to being late.

Stressed . . . driver

Safety charity IAM RoadSmart said: "Children can be unpredictable and road conditions can change in an instant, so slowing down, staying patient and leaving extra time for the journey can make all the difference."

Three-quarters agreed children copy adults' behaviour on the roads.

IAM RoadSmart added: "Children are always watching. The habits they see from adults today can shape the attitude they take into the driver's seat."

CYBERSECURITY

By RICKY FREELOVE
Creative Social News Editor

WITHIN 45 minutes, super-hacker Scott McGready had worked out where I used to live, tracked my movements and knew the names of my family.

He had unearthed compromised passwords, reminded me of a run I had gone on nearly a decade ago, reminisced about a drunken stag do in Newcastle and creepily asked me: "How's your Italian coming along?"

It sounds like I was in serious danger, but actually I had given cyber-security expert Scott permission to find out what he could about me.

And chillingly, he warned me he could discover basically anything, using just my full name, email address and phone number.

"It might shock you," he added, explaining that he was only using "open-source intelligence" – data that is already in the public domain.

Indeed, if Scott could virtually find out my life story by piecing together freely available data that anyone can access, I dread to think what havoc a criminal hacker could wreak.

He initially combed Facebook, X, LinkedIn, Pinterest and Snapchat, where he could easily see I had accounts. But I was surprised to learn that, using a legal online tool which searches public datasets linked to my email address, he also knew I had accounts with paid-for services including Apple, ESPN, Spotify, Disney+ and language tutor Duolingo.

Nevertheless, everything he found out within the first few minutes seemed quite harmless – what could he do with that information?

But Scott said it wasn't a singular piece of data which was problematic, but all of it pieced together.

After finding my Italian course on Duolingo, he started looking for my trips abroad. And one of the ways to do that is to check Google reviews, which are time-stamped.

'We're giving crooks way more info than they need'

His scrolling proved fruitful, and he cheekily asked me if I had enjoyed watching the 2018 World Cup at the A'Riccione Terrazza bar in Milan.

I didn't understand how this was relevant, but he explained how someone could try to use the information to claim we had met before in an attempt to defraud or "catfish" me.

A scammer might say: "Hey! We met at a bar in Milan, we were watching the World Cup together."

Scott, from Glasgow, found another review I had left while on a stag do.

He said: "Looks like you had a very, very good time at a bar in Newcastle. You left a ten-out-of-ten review – and you were definitely under the influence at that point."

He explained how a fraudster could exploit these details to build a fake rapport, saying something such as: "Remember me from the stag do? We had that really drunken night out together in Newcastle."

He said there are various ways the trickster could potentially "socially engineer" me. As well as pretending to be an old drinking buddy or friend, they could try to trick me into handing over sensitive details by pretending to be from my bank.

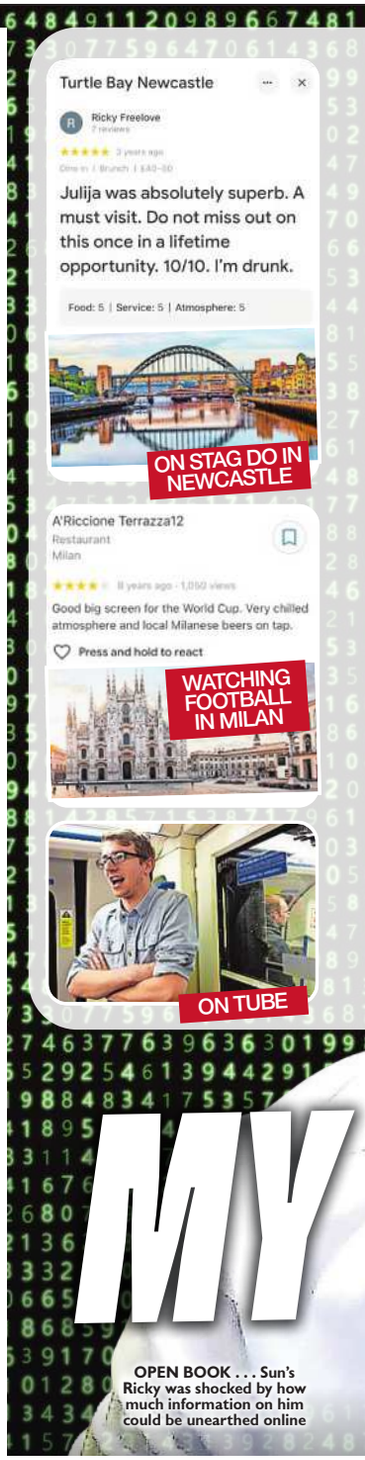
Knowing I would probably have made transactions where I had reviewed places, they could use this intelligence to convincingly persuade me to hand over crucial information.

Another con that tricksters use to access a victim's phone information is to send them an iMessage – if it is received, the crook knows they have an iPhone rather than an Android.

Scott said: "I could phone you up or send you an email and say, 'Hey, your iPhone is due for a warranty upgrade'. People like free stuff."

All these hypothetical scenarios were unnerving, but things got more disturbing when Scott revealed he had found out within an hour exactly where I used to live in South London.

He had done it by hopping on to my Strava running app and looking up a run which I published in 2017.



OPEN BOOK . . . Sun's Ricky was shocked by how much information on him could be unearthed online

Such information could be useful for would-be burglars as runners are often creatures of habit – getting their exercise at the same time each day and pressing Start Run on their app as soon as they leave home.

Scott said that coupled with the property valuation site Zoopla, I was giving potential crooks way more information than they needed.

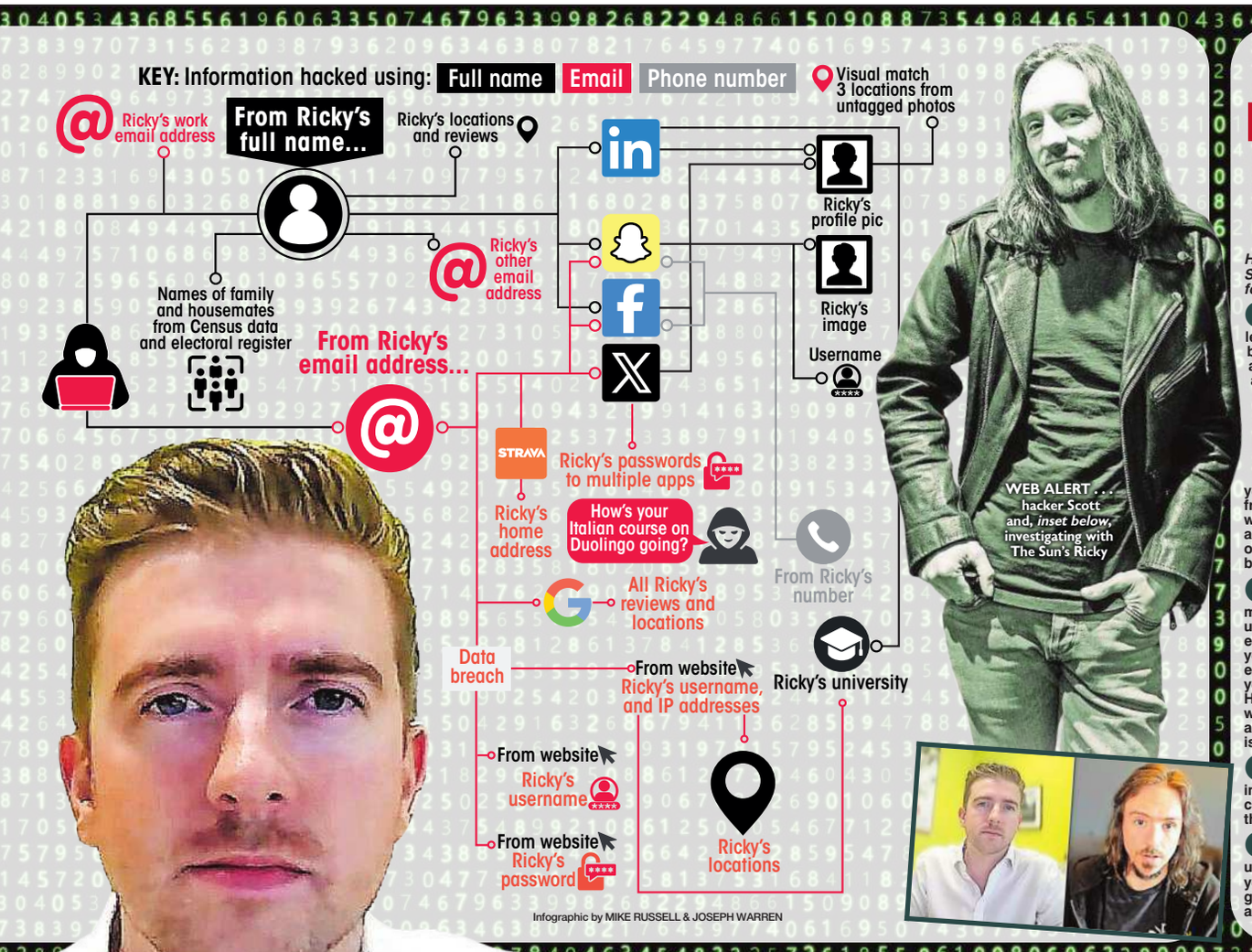
Scott then moved to my digital security and pulled up a list of passwords which had been compromised during a series of data breaches.

If he was attacking me for real, he would try to log into my social media with the hope that I use the same password across all accounts – which is something I actually don't do.

Instead, he started to look for information or similarities concealed within them, such as a date of birth.

My password analysis provided little information, but he unearthed an IP address suggesting I had attended Exeter University. But that wasn't all.

EXPERT'S SHOCK PROBE ON SUN MAN



WEB ALERT . . . hacker Scott and, *inset below*, investigating with The Sun's Ricky

SCOTT: MY 6 TOP TIPS ON SAFETY

HERE are cybersecurity expert Scott McGready's essential tips for keeping yourself safe online:

1. SIGN up to the free service HaveIBeenPwned.com. It will let you know if there's been a data breach and whether your email address is contained within it. It's a nice early warning system.
2. USE a password manager. They're very simple to set up – it's easy, copy-and-paste stuff and they auto-fill, too.
3. TURN on two-factor authentication wherever you can. It may add time and friction before you log in to a website or app, but getting a text alert or the authenticator prompt on your phone is way better than being hacked.
4. IF you have two-factor authentication set up, it also means that if someone were to use an old password and your email address to try to log in to your Snapchat account, for example, you would get a ping on your phone, saying, "Is this you? Here's the six-digit code. Do you want to allow this?" It gives you an early warning that someone is up to no good.
5. DON'T be afraid to search for yourself online. Do reverse image searches of your face or a common profile picture. Tools for this are readily available online.
6. YOUR social media accounts are open to the world and usually anyone can read them. If you're comfortable with that, then great – but you could be giving away key family details.

LIFE ON THE ONLINE (EXPOSED IN JUST 45 MINUTES)

Using a reverse image search, he found pictures of me which had been published online, though I had not been named or tagged.

From there, he knew I'd visited the Ukrainian border after being snapped in a 2022 news article.

He then asked: "When you were seven, did you want to be a dancer?" Surprised at the question's stark contrast, I said I had. A 2016 blog which I wasn't even named in had provided the information.

From the image and context of the blog, he also knew I was a commuter using the London Underground in October 2016.

He even found a photo from an old university newspaper in which I had been asked to describe what my ideal blind date looked like. I responded: "Rachel Riley."

Sounds harmless, but if someone wanted to catfish me, the Countdown star would be ideal material.

Scott then moved on to census data and the electoral register – again, publicly available information. Using it, he was able to determine my previous postcode areas and the names of my immediate family and ex-housemates.

He was also able to estimate when I likely moved from the family home in Cheadle, Gtr Manchester, and he found more evidence of my time in Exeter.

Avoid online reviews after a beer or two

He warned that by combining all these snippets, a would-be catfish could convincingly say to me: "Hey, Ricky, we haven't spoken in ages. I remember you used to want to be a dancer when we grew up together in Cheadle."

For the purpose of this exercise, none of my friends or family were included in the investigation.

But if online criminals wanted to do this seriously, it would not take much to connect the dots and build an exceptionally comprehensive profile for most people online.

And the terrifying thing is, all this information was already publicly available online, whether or not I thought I was in control of it.

We finished our two-hour investigation together by reviewing a spiderweb-like graphic which Scott had gradually updated as he found more pieces of information.

In the centre was my name, phone number and email address, from which there were sprawling lines pointing to my home addresses, the names of my family members and housemates, lists of places I had visited, my education, social media profiles, compromised usernames and passwords.

I was presented with a sobering graphic which laid out just how much personal information I had unintentionally left behind on the internet . . . and the results were absolutely terrifying.

My main takeaways from this experiment are to ensure that fitness apps are set to private and to hold back on writing online reviews – particularly after a beer or two.

A Strava spokesman said: "Strava takes the safety and privacy of its global community very seriously and has significantly updated its privacy controls since 2017. Relevant to this example, we changed our privacy-zone defaults: new accounts now automatically hide the start and end points of activities."

As for Scott's top tips to stay safe online, he said: "Passwords are one of the Achilles heels when it comes to online accounts.

"I'd recommend signing up to the free service HaveIBeenPwned.com. It will let you know if there's been a data breach and whether your email address is contained within it.

"It's a nice early-warning system. Also, I would absolutely recommend using a password manager.

"They're very simple to use. It's easy to copy and paste stuff and they auto-fill, too.

"And don't be afraid to search for yourself online. Do reverse image searches of your face, of your profile pictures. A lot of this stuff is freely available. Doing a quick search isn't being vain – it's knowing what's out there."

He added: "There is no difference between locking your front door at night and being aware that you've a breached password online or your social media account is open to the world and anyone can read it.

"If you're OK with that and you're comfortable, that's great. But the biggest problem is your social media accounts are public.

"It's knowing this stuff is online, knowing this stuff is available and knowing that anybody can find it if they so choose."

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PHONE IT IN FOR SOME GREAT PUB FREEBIES

WHO doesn't like a free drink? Signing up to pub apps can get you a whole host of bar-gains.

By MEL HUNTER

Whether you want a tipple on the house, pub with play area or to save money on a night away, there's deals galore to be had.

Ask your local if they offer a loyalty scheme or look at some of these app-based ideas.

GREENE PING: Get alerts on new deals on the Greene King app, with 2,700 pubs including Chef & Brewer and Hungry Horse.

Download the app to play Spin to Win with the chance of winning free drinks or other perks.

It's also the place to find the latest drink promotions.

GET A ROOM: Download the apps for smaller breweries or pub chains.

With the Butcombe Brewery loyalty club app, for example, members get 20 per cent off overnight stays, 25 per cent off breakfast and other benefits.

The Bristol-based brewer manages a network of 120 pubs across the south of England.

MERRY-YOUR-ROUND: Want a free kids' play place with your pie or pint?

Pubs with Playgrounds, a free app launched by dad-of-two Alastair Duncan at the start of the summer, already has more than 1,000 pubs listed.

It gives parents an easy guide to family boozers with an outdoor playground, indoor play area or soft play zone.

RETURN REWARDS: Some pub chains give you rewards the more you visit.

At Nicholson's pubs you get a free drink when you sign up for the app and earn more if you keep going back.

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SUNDOWNERS: The Dusk app gives users a free drink every single day.

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SKY'S THE LIMIT

By LAUREN UTTLEY

A TEAM of 27 skydivers form a canopy — breaking a 40-year British record.

They jumped out of a plane at 14,000ft, before standing on each other's chutes.

Skydive Langar, based in Nottingham, beat the Royal Navy and Marines' high of 24, set in 1986.

They are now eyeing a 50-way canopy formation, and took part in last November's world record in Florida — with 104.

Picture: MING CHU/SWNS

BRAND BACKLASH

HAYDEN, WE ARE SORRY

Neutrogena apologise for ad axe

SKINCARE giant Neutrogena has apologised for dropping brand ambassador Hayden Panettiere after she spoke about her postnatal depression.

By SCARLET HOWES

Bosses admitted the US firm made the actress and singer, who died on Sunday aged 36, "feel unsupported during a difficult time".

It follows a backlash after a May podcast resurfaced where the Heroes and Nashville star said she was axed for breaking a "morality clause" in her contract.

Struggles . . . Panettiere

She said her agent "saved the day that year" before adding: "I knew . . . I wasn't going to be invited back". Hayden, who struggled with addiction and her mental health, also told of her struggles after the birth of her daughter, now 11, in her 2026 memoir.

She wrote: "All my natural optimism and pep had vanished. When Kaya cried, I struggled to soothe her, feeling desperate, inadequate, and out of control."

Neutrogena said Hayden worked for the firm for more than ten years and was "deeply valued".

It added: "We are proud to have partnered with her and understood that we made her feel unsupported during a very difficult time.

"Hayden's courage in sharing her challenges helped inspire important conversations and awareness."

It said it was investing in a "community health partner" to help give women support, including for postnatal depression.

Hayden was found unresponsive and in cardiac arrest when paramedics reached her home in Greenville, South Carolina. Police said there were "no signs of foul play or suspicious circumstances".

PROMOTED CONTENT

SAVVIER ENERGY USE – NO PROBLEM

Upgrading to a smart meter is a doddle, says expert installer Joe

SMART meters give you accurate energy bills and help you keep track of your spending – so what's not to like?

Nothing, says Joe Tupman, who's been fitting them for five years.

"Smart meters just make life easier," he says.

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Smart meters are being offered to every home in Britain by energy suppliers, at no extra cost – including people who rent or who are on prepay.

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One thing that holds people back is worries about disruption, but they are actually a doddle to install.

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"It takes a couple of hours, tops.

"We need to turn off the power for maybe half an hour while we do the electricity meter, otherwise you won't notice.

"My only concern is if the job's under the stairs – I'm 6ft 5in!"

Smart meter fitters are qualified and training is regularly updated.

They even carry out visual gas safety spot checks during the installation, which could pick up serious problems.

Once the job is done, Joe demonstrates the kit, particularly the in-home display.

"Some people think it'll be complicated, but once they see it for themselves, those fears disappear," he says.

"Suddenly they're looking at the display and thinking of things they can turn off to save money."

'NOTHING GETS RIPPED UP. IT TAKES A COUPLE OF HOURS, TOPS'

And smart meters aren't just user-friendly – they are also built to last and give you peace of mind.

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OZ RAPE RETRIAL FOR BRIT RAPPER

BRITISH rapper Yung Filly faces a retrial in Australia on three charges of rape.

By MIKE SULLIVAN

The 30-year-old, whose real name is Andres Barrientos, has also been hit with a new charge of possessing cannabis.

A jury last month was unable to reach verdicts on three of the six counts of rape. Prosecutors have confirmed they will proceed with a retrial over these allegations.

At the initial trial, he denied all ten charges relating to a woman, 20, coming back to his hotel room after a gig while he toured Australia in 2024.

But Barrientos, who hosted BBC series Hot Property, was found guilty of two charges of assault occasioning bodily harm over bites to the woman's neck and breast. No date is set for sentencing on those convictions. He was acquitted at the court in Perth of three rapes, a choking charge and an assault over an alleged slap.

Case . . . Yung Filly

No retrial date is set but an application to vary bail conditions will be heard next week. Bail was set at a personal undertaking of £52,000.

He allegedly committed a drug offence on bail in May, and faces a court hearing on September 1.

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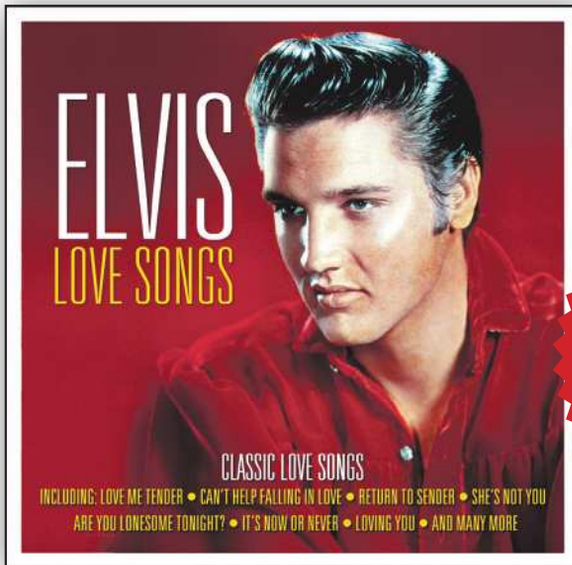

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DIANE MORGAN

EXCLUSIVE by **FELICITY CROSS**
Deputy TV Editor

FOR more than two decades, Diane Morgan has slogged away at TV and stand-up comedy, winning millions of fans through cult favourites including Mandy and her hilarious character Philomena Cunk.

But months after turning 50, she has finally hit the mainstream big time, playing a robot in surprise smash hit Ann Droid.

The BBC comedy tells the story of widowed pensioner Sue and her social humanoid Linda – and is exactly the kind of quirky nonsense that Diane has always sworn would be the secret to her success.

She explained: "The thing my characters have all got in common is they don't give a s**t.

"It's almost like a superpower – not caring. That's exactly how people should be in everyday life.

"We should not give a s**t about anything. It's so freeing."

It is a refreshing take in a world where even our funniest comedians can try to turn simple stories into hot takes or worthy woke lectures.

But that does not mean the star didn't treat her rise to the top seriously.

Some 20 years after Diana's first stand-up gig at the age of 30, Ann Droid is being hailed as the BBC's best original comedy since the likes of Gavin & Stacey and The Office.

An average of five million people have watched each episode on TV and through streaming – exceptional figures in this day and age – and its makers, Boffola Pictures, has begun to develop a second run.

'Completely stupid'

As the name suggests, the sitcom centres around robot Linda, who is purchased to look after elderly Sue, played by TV favourite Sue Johnston.

The latter has been widowed for nearly two years and her son Michael, played by Paul Ready, decides to move out and leave her with the latest bit of technology.

Diane said: "It is mad. We thought, 'Is it gonna work?'

"Because there's obviously a grieving woman at the centre of it and she's got this robot. It sounds mad.

"It's a big risk. You think, will it work or will it just be people going, 'What the hell is that?' It could very easily have gone the other way.

"But then we had a couple of screenings where it went well.

"Then I got hopeful. And I thought, 'Oh, don't get hopeful. It's not gonna go well. Just get used to that now.'"

At the launch, Diane was quizzed about whether she was making a statement about the growth of AI.

But she was quick to bat off the suggestion she had gone political, insisting: "No, no, no. I read this article about how in Japan they're going to start rolling out robots for the elderly. And so I started talking about it to my friend Pippa, who's the producer on the show, and she's like, 'This is really funny. We should try and write this.

"I was like, 'Yeah, all right.' I didn't think it would go anywhere.

"We were just literally trying to make each other laugh."

That same devil-may-care approach has been a thread throughout Diane's rise to the top.

Until Ann Droid, her absurdist comedy Mandy was the biggest string to her bow after Motherland.

Following a pilot in 2019, BBC Two picked up the show and it has now run for four series, earning her a Bafta TV nomination for best female comedy performance.

But it has always remained a cult, sleeper hit without mega viewing figures. In her typical deadpan tone, Diane said: "Mandy was a stupid physical comedy I wanted to do.

"There's no message. Messages are overrated. With Mandy, I just want to do something totally stupid. It can never be big enough for me. There seems to be such a lot of comedy drama. I just wanted something that was completely stupid and didn't mean anything."

MUM'S THE WORD . . . Diane, *left*, as with comedy co-stars Anna Maxwell Ma

The have give

When Diane started working in comedy, she had been making ends meet with a string of jobs including dental nurse, chip shop potato peeler, Avon seller and factory worker, packing boxes of worming tablets.

It took her years to secure enough work in entertainment to be able to do it full time. She said: "I did so many s**t jobs and I tried everything from drama school to doing stand-up. Every conceivable angle, I tried it.

"I went to drama school, but on my first day I said to the head of the school, 'I'm not interested in Shakespeare', which was a mistake. He didn't like that!

"I said, 'I'm only here to get better at comedy.' They auditioned me and both my pieces were comedy.

"I said, 'I want to make it clear, I won't be doing Lady Macbeth.' And then they cast me as Lady Macbeth.

"All the other girls were like, 'What a bitch, she doesn't even want it.' But I got big laughs. I did looks to the

HAS HIT BIG TIME...PLAYING A ROBOT

HAIR-RAISING . . . Diane as hapless Mandy, with her signature beehive 'do

Liz in Motherland, rtin and Paul Ready

BOTS OF SUPPORT . . . comedy Ann Droid, also starring Sue Johnston, *right*, has proved a major hit with viewers

MOCK STAR . . . chat with Sir Francis Drake as satirical character Philomena Cunk

THE LAST LAUGH . . . Diane's career is finally thriving after a tough start in stand-up

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SMILES . . . Diane and long-term love Ben Caudell attend TV awards bash in 2017

ience, little asides. The ma teacher was furi- but I'd warned him." iane bagged her first role in 2002 thanks comic Peter Kay r writing to him ing for a job. he has explained: "I I'm from Bolton *e Peter*] and I t to be an ess – if you're r doing anything, me know. And God love , he got me in enix Nights. That my first TV job." iane played Dawn in episode of the sitcom, it was not the big break had hoped for. fact, it was such a small part, was not even credited. ut since then, she has been rack- up the accolades. Joining Charlie oker's Weekly Wipe, a satirical TV ew show, in 2013 was a master- ke by Diane. There, she debuted Philomena Cunk. She then gained a successful spin-off for Cunk, who is a parody of an ill-informed investigative reporter. Since then, the character's mockumentary specials have covered everything from Shakespeare to Christmas, Earth and humanity.

Now, Diane's CV includes playing blunt single mother Liz in Mother- land, which ran for three series and went on to spawn spin-off Amanda- land, as well as being on Inside No.9 and The Cockfields.

Diane has also worked with comedy genius Ricky Gervais on plenty of projects, including The Office's big- screen spin-off David Brent: Life On The Road, plus his shows After Life and new Netflix hit Alley Cats.

She said: "Ricky is very generous to work with and gave me some great advice. He rarely does more than four takes. He knows what he wants, knows when he's got it and moves on very quickly."

But Diane's place in the main- stream was confirmed when she joined a string of big names to compete on this year's series of Prime Video smash LOL: Last One Laughing UK, hosted by Jimmy Carr. The aim is to make rival play- ers chuckle, while not cracking up yourself. As she is famed for keeping a straight face in silly interviews as Philomena Cunk, she was expected to last the pace, but she was outdone by Bob Mortimer.

Diane said: "As the game went on, I tried to catch people at their weakest. But it's a tough game."

Diane is in a long-term relationship with TV producer Ben Caudell and they have worked together on projects including Mandy. Ben has also had success with hits such as Peep Show and Toast Of London. Now, Diane is relishing the success of Ann Droid, which looks set to be a mainstay on the BBC for years to come.

But she confessed: "I didn't sleep for a year worrying about how I was going to play a robot. It didn't seem funny because you can't do facial expressions. So you think, 'Where are you going to react? How are you going to react? How are you going to be funny as a robot?'"

Turns out, be very funny indeed.

● **Ann Droid is on BBC iPlayer.**

Fab DAILY

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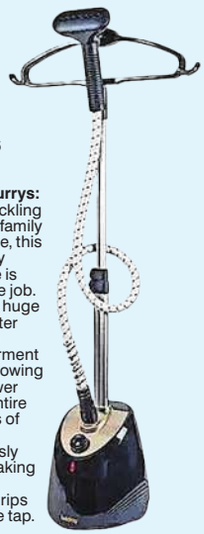
FULL STEAM AHEAD WITH THE LAUNDRY

WITH half of us naming ironing our most hated chore, life is getting a little easier with the arrival of the hand-held steamer that delivers zero-hassle clothes care. JOEL COOPER picks out six of the best buys right now . . .

Philips Series 3000 STH3020/70 garment steamer, £39.99, Argos: A total game-changer for busy mornings, this compact beauty folds away flat, making it ideal for tight spaces or packing in your suitcase. It heats up in a rapid 30 seconds, delivering a quick, hassle-free refresh to your outfits without ever needing to drag out a bulky board.



Beldray BEL02156 clothes steamer, £67.99, Currys: If you're tackling a massive family laundry pile, this heavy-duty workhorse is built for the job. It boasts a huge 1.4-litre water tank and a built-in garment hanger, allowing you to power through entire wardrobes of clothes continuously without making repeated, annoying trips back to the tap.

Russell Hobbs Steam Genie 2in1 Maestro, £79.99, Currys: Can't face giving up your iron altogether? This clever 2-in-1 hybrid gives you the best of both worlds, functioning as a traditional flat iron and a speedy upright steamer. Its generous water tank easily handles up to ten shirts, and it destroys 99.9 per cent of bacteria in seconds.

Quest 42140 portable steamer, £14.99, Tesco: Brilliantly basic and dirt cheap, this ultra-lightweight bargain buy offers 12 minutes of continuous steam to tackle last-minute wrinkles. Packed with an auto shut-off safety feature and handy lint attachments, it is the ultimate low-cost hero for quick weekend getaway touch-ups.

George Home blue garment steamer, £20, Asda: At just twenty quid, this budget-friendly steampower essential is an absolute steal for savvy shoppers. It comes complete with a handy garment brush attachment to effortlessly smooth out stubborn creases on everything from work suits and heavy autumn jackets to delicate party tops – all while killing unwanted germs.

Tefal Pure Force DT8765G0 garment steamer, £54, Very: The ultimate high-spec upgrade for fabric lovers, with the price now slashed from £89.99. It heats up in a lightning-fast 25 seconds and packs a powerful "boost mode" to blast away stubborn folds, alongside clever reversible pads that banish lint, hair and dust as you de-crease.

MULTIPLE MARKDOWNS . . . Julie at Lidl, where reduced goods have orange stickers. *Below*, a rewarding visit to Tesco

JUST three days earlier, I had spent my weekly £150 on food, yet already the fridge and cupboards were almost empty.

Thanks to the school summer holidays, my children Alex, 17, and Adriana, 12, were on the road to bankrupting me with their appetites. What was I doing wrong?

"Perhaps I need to get better at bargain hunting," I thought, as I read that two in five shoppers look out for yellow-sticker discounts on items nearing their use-by dates.

I'll be honest, I avoid yellow stickers usually, as I always assume the food will be inedible.

But with supermarkets cutting prices by as much as 75 per cent to save waste, surely I could make some savings seeking them out?

So, I set myself a challenge and tried five different stores near my Hampshire home over five days . . .

DAY 1: ASDA

I BEGIN by researching on Facebook money-saving groups to see when yellow-sticker seekers swoop in for markdowns.

My online tipsters inform me that Asda staff begin discounting from 4.30pm, ready for when many people are finishing work.

I start in the fruit and veg aisle and find a salad slashed from £1.64 to only 22p. What a saving. It would make a side salad for the four of us that night.

My rummage also quickly turns up a pack of pre-made mash (94p to 60p), cherry tomatoes (75p to 49p) and a bag of stir-fry veg (£1.08 to 22p).

There are more goodies in the meat aisle and I get a 500g pack of pork mince for £1.73, marked down from £2.47.

I'm feeling rather proud of myself as I saunter about picking up bagels (£1.87 to £1.31) for breakfast, pitta breads (50p to 36p) and a wholemeal loaf (75p to 55p).

Buoyed by my bargains, I also get some treats – a four-pack of Cadbury Dessert Pots (£3.10 to £2), a pair of Gu cheesecakes (£3.77 to £2.07) and an eight-pack of KitKats (£2.18 to 77p).

"Can we do this every week?" my 17-year-old son asks.

Spent: £10.32, saved: £7.15

VERDICT: Absolute bargain, but exhausting peering into shelves high and low – yellow stickers were all over and not in one place.

DAY 2: TESCO

I'M thrilled with my start, but my musician husband Cornel, 45, is whinging and asking if everything will be pre-made food.

Beggars can't be choosers, but when I head to Tesco after 6pm, I try the chiller section first to see what fresh food I can snag.

There's a hake Florentine (£5.90 to £2.36) and a cheese feast party pizza (£2.15 to 86p) – that's everyone fed tonight.

I'm still looking when a rather sharp-elbowed woman with a wheelie shopping bag shoves me aside as if I'm taking too long.

She rummages with an aplomb that shouts out: "Leave it to the pros, love."

Then I spy a smoky chicken and chorizo pasta ready meal for £1.58, down from £3.75.

I grab it fast, as the woman side-eyes me with disdain.

Next stop is the fruit and veg aisle, where I get a pack of five oranges (99p to 53p), a punnet of blackberries (£2.65 to £1.48) and four kiwis (£1.60 to 64p).

I head to the sandwich chiller, remembering from my research that they get massively marked down – this could be my kids' lunch sorted.

Trying to look nonchalant, I grab a sweet chilli chicken wrap (£3 to £1.38) and a BBQ chicken wrap (£3 to £1.62).

After picking up a two-pack of all-butter, dark chocolate, fresh croissants (£1.91 to £1.70) and a pack of finest hot cross buns (£2 to 80p), I think I'm done.

Then I spot a Tesco worker with a yellow sticker gun and my ice-cool exterior melts.

As he stickers away, I grab a pack of six tiger rolls (£1.15 to 86p) and two yum-yums (£2.55 to £1.91).

Spent: £17.38, saved: £13.37

VERDICT: A worthy haul, but I don't want to face down wheelie-shopper woman again.

DAY 3: SAINSBURY'S

THE experts tell me to hit Sainsbury's between 5pm and 7pm for the best reductions – and the moment I walk in, I see the lady with the magic sticker gun.

I'm getting used to this game but still feel awkward, so I pretend to peruse the shelf next to her.

I see I have company – a man is also eyeing up her knockdowns and we're locked in a Wild West-style standoff.

It's the most British of battles and I'm determined to come out the winner.

I mosey along and spot one large quiche that would feed four.

"Is that being reduced?" I ask with a sweet smile.

The woman nods and gets out her gun. I feel a frisson of excitement as I see the price cut from £4.50 to £2.47.

"I'll take it," I hear myself shriek.

Over the next hour, I then find a cauliflower cheese ready meal for four (£1.40 to £1.25), plus six ready-cooked chicken drumsticks (£3.75 to £2.43) that we can use for a

Having to spend a fortune to keep her family in food, writer **JULIE COOK** hit the aisles to see what marked-down items she could score for tea

YELLOW STICKER SHOPPING COULD SAVE ME £4.5k

(But I had to fight off sharp-elbowed woman to grab a bargain)

planned picnic the next day. I add two packs of hot and spicy chicken breast for sandwiches (£1.79 to £1.29) and the next 24 hours are sorted.

Spent: £8.73, saved: £4.54

VERDICT: A great success, but no decent fruit or veg reductions – possibly due to the timing.

DAY 4: MORRISONS

I'M finding my feet now, but for my Morrisons trip I'm torn between waiting until later to get better reductions and worrying they might be gone.

It's a gamble.

In the end, I arrive just after 6pm – and I'm glad I did.

I find the last 1.2kg pork joint, which would feed my family for ages, reduced from £9.67 to £6.63.

I also grab a pack of 12 stock cubes (£1 to 50p) so I can make soup or stew with the leftovers.

I think I'm done – I have more food at home than I know what to do with. Then I spy a pork pie for four (£2.55 to £1.58), a pack of McVitie's Golden Caramel Digestives (£2.25 to £1.18), noodles for four (£2.75 to £1.38) and some PiriPiri ready-prepped fries (£2 to £1.10).

My daughter rolls her eyes. "Are we getting *any* fruit?" she groans.

I survey my basket and it looks rather beige.

Thankfully, I find a punnet of strawberries (£1.19 to 54p) to add a bit of colour.

Spent: £12.91, saved: £8.74

VERDICT: I scored well – but only if you like stodgy stuff.

DAY 5: LIDL

IT'S the last day of my experiment and I'm going for broke.

Maybe the true wins are if you wait to play your hand late in the game.

I've already got enough food to last the weekend, so decide to chance Lidl after 8pm, just before it closes.

Here, the stickers are orange. There seems to be no reduced section – but there are stickers everywhere and only two other shoppers to outgun.

I load my basket with four fresh pollock fillets in breadcrumbs (£2.99 to £1.49), a ham and mushroom tagliatelle ready meal (£2.79 to £1.39), premade mash (89p to 49p) and a chicken, leek and bacon pie (£2.99 to £1.49).

I'm about to leave when I see half-price quiches galore and grab three (£1.39 to £1.11 each).

At the bakery, I pick up six hot-dog rolls (99p to 49p) and a fruit loaf (£1.29 to 63p).

The veg aisle is a less fruitful hunting ground, but I do find a huge stir-fry mix (95p to 47p), before a final sweep of the chillers – where I get some mini Scotch eggs (£1.49 to 74p).

Spent: £11.14, saved: £8.25

VERDICT: The best spot for chilled goods and ready meals, but I was too late for fruit and veg.

SO WAS IT ALL WORTH IT?

OVER the five days, I got £102.53 worth of food for £60.48, meaning I saved £42.05 – a 41 per cent overall saving and well below my usual £150-£200 weekly bill.

Multiply that over a year and it's a considerable amount back in my bank balance — some £4,655.04.

But shopping exclusively for yellow-sticker items was exhausting and time consuming.

Instead of just wandering round my local supermarket for an hour once a week, I had to shop each and every day and drive more, using extra petrol. Meals were harder to plan as I couldn't guarantee what ingredients I'd find and a lot of the reductions were pre-prepped ingredients or ready meals.

This was fine during the summer holidays as the kids loved the picky dinners, but wouldn't wash in winter.

Usually, after school and college, they come in ravenous, but other times they've eaten and I'll have to bin stuff.

It was also strangely tiring hunting the shelves and battling other shoppers.

Am I a convert? Not 100 per cent.

But I did enjoy the thrill of snagging a yellow sticker bargain, especially from under the nose of Mrs Sharp Elbows.

DEALS GALORE . . . Julie's discount buys

dear deidre

No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem

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CONTINUES TOMORROW

Was 'casual' lover really after baby?

Dear Deidre

FINDING a gorgeous younger woman who really fancied me and didn't want commitment seemed just too good to be true.

Now, after six months of fun dates and lots of good sex, I think I've figured it all out.

I'm 48 and she's 31. She's truly stunning and I fancied her straight away when we met at a concert.

She kept talking to me at the bar, without showing any sign of wanting to go back to her mates. She was so confident and gave me her number, saying we should meet again.

We did, days later at a bar, and she didn't lose any time in letting me know what she wanted.

She told me she had a regular boyfriend but they both enjoyed meeting other people. She said she liked me but if anything were to happen between us it would have to remain casual.

I'm normally the one who avoids commitment so this was a breath of fresh air for me. I readily agreed and quickly became the envy of my mates.

As far as I know, she was seeing around two other men casually over the same period and took great delight in calling me her Sugar Daddy.

I didn't mind picking up the bills or spoiling her with gifts.

To be honest, it gave me such pleasure to see her so happy and I loved her company.

Over time, she started asking me what I thought about having children. It was weird and felt like it came out of nowhere.

Surprised, I told her I had never wanted the responsibility.

She seemed to drop it but a week later asked if we could have sex without a condom.

She tried to sound casual, saying she wanted to feel me "properly", but I refused. Now I think I've worked her out.

All along, I think she wanted a sponsor for her child. I'm not sure what the deal is with her boyfriend but maybe he doesn't want children either, or can't have them.

Do you think I'm right?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: You may well be right, but will never really know unless you have a frank conversation with her.**

Stick to your guns regarding safe sex. There is a lot more at stake than simply an unwanted pregnancy. Having unprotected sex in an open relationship set-up is a game of Russian roulette.

And if your decision to keep safe ends this arrangement, you have your answer. Either way, I suspect now that you feel unsettled and are concerned this woman may have ulterior motives, it may be worth discussing if the current arrangement works for you both.

My support pack Standing Up For Yourself will hep you have this difficult conversation.

HERE TO HELP YOU

IF YOU are worried about anything please get in touch with my team of counsellors and we will do our best to help you. Every email receives a personal response.

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Dear Deidre

ONE minute, my girlfriend tells me she's pregnant and we're going to be a family, the next she says she's not keeping the baby.

I have no idea where I stand with her.

I'm 28 and she is 25. I'm excited about becoming a dad but will support her if she doesn't want to have the baby. What I can't cope with is the mixed messages – and the put-downs.

Whenever we argue, she starts adding random men on social media and messaging them.

She even sends me screenshots of their conversations, full of sexual comments, just to hurt me.

She'll tell me I'm not good enough and she can easily find someone better. But once she's calmed down, she acts like nothing's happened, says she loves me and wants us to stay together.

I really love her, but I can't deal with all the drama. What should I do?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Your girlfriend's behaviour is unfair and controlling. While the decision about the pregnancy is ultimately hers, you deserve honesty and stability.**

When things are calm, tell her that her mixed messages, and the fact she taunts you with her messages to other guys, is all affecting your mental health. Ask her whether she's willing to work on the relationship and what she needs from you in return.

If nothing changes, think carefully about whether this relationship is healthy for you. You can still be a good dad even if you aren't together as a couple.

My support packs, Standing Up For Yourself and Looking After Your Relationship, will help.

THANK YOU FOR...

HELPING ME DEAL WITH BULLYING EX

Dear Deidre

I WROTE to you because I had to sit next to my ex every day at college and it was making me so anxious.

He'd manipulated me, spread rumours about me and left me feeling completely isolated.

I'm a 17-year-old girl, and had no one else to talk to.

You suggested I ask to move seats, keep conversations short and never let him see how upset I felt. You also encouraged me to contact themix.org.uk, who provide confidential counselling for under-25s.

You made me feel less alone.

It wasn't easy. He carried on spreading lies, even telling people I'd sent him money because I was desperate to get him back. I was added to a group chat where his friends bombarded me with nasty texts before I was thrown out.

The final straw came when he actually demanded I thank him because he'd supposedly told his friends to stop bullying me.

I wrote in again and you made me see how abusive he was and that I shouldn't blame myself.

You helped me stand up for myself.

I just wanted to say a massive thank you because you got me through one of the worst times of my life.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Sadly, in life we sometimes have to deal with nasty people we'd rather not be around.**

Very well done for standing your ground and not letting him hurt you any more.

CUT OFF FROM GRANDCHILD AFTER SON'S WIFE SAW RED

Dear Deidre

A STUPID misunderstanding with my daughter-in-law has torn my family apart.

Now I fear I've lost my son and my precious grandchild for ever.

My husband and I are in our sixties and our two-year-old grandson is the light of our lives.

We used to see him every weekend, taking him to the park to feed the ducks.

But after a row with my son, we've been cut off completely. It's all because of a couple of comments that were taken out of context.

When I said, "I've read that too much screen time isn't good for toddlers", my daughter-in-law accused me of saying she was a bad mum.

Another time, when our grandson threw his lunch on the floor, and I told him off, his mum got angry with me. She said I was criticising her parenting again.

Since then, she has called me toxic and sent angry messages to other members of my family. My son has now stopped speaking to me and we no longer see our grandson.

We were a close family, so I even reached out to her mum, who I thought was a friend, but she has ignored me too.

I've apologised for upsetting her but she rejects every attempt to make peace.

I feel heartbroken and so stressed. I desperately want to know how to put my family back together.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Losing contact with your son and grandson must be devastating, but this can be resolved.**

Your daughter-in-law is angry right now, so your apologies will sound like excuses and fall on deaf ears. Give her some breathing space.

As for your son, he is caught between you, so don't make her the enemy or you'll push him away.

Give it a couple of weeks, then send a simple message saying you're sorry, you love them and are there when they're ready to talk.

You can get more advice about this from familylives.org.uk.

TEENAGE TROUBLES

Dear Deidre

MY doctor says I need to get my ears micro-suctioned. I'm a 16-year-old boy and totally embarrassed about my ears.

My mates keep joking that I never hear a word they say. The doctor says I've got so much earwax built up that I need it removed with micro-suction, whatever that is.

He's promised it should improve my hearing, but I can't stop imagining it'll damage my ears and I'll wake up deaf.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Don't worry and be embarrassed – earwax is normal and everyone gets it.**

Micro-suction is a safe, fast and effective way to remove the build-up. It uses a gentle suction device to remove any blockage – like a vacuum cleaner for ears.

It's safer than the syringes used in the past. Ask your doctor for reassurance.

You should be able to hear much better afterwards.

hot topic

UNDERSTANDING your sexuality can take time, and it's completely normal to have questions along the way.

If you're exploring whether you might be bisexual, you may feel unsure about labels, worried about how others will react, or confused by stereotypes about what bisexuality "should" look like.

If you're struggling to understand your feelings, my support pack Bisexual Questions? can help.

GET IN TOUCH

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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TEASER

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SUNDIAL

See how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word.

You can make at least one word using all of them.

Don't use the letters more than once in any word.

No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

BRILLIANT: **26**
EXCELLENT: **22** GOOD: **16**
GREAT SCORE FOR KIDS: **12**

YESTERDAY: Creepy, crypt, decry, decrypt, drey, dyed, dyer, eddy, eyed, prey, preyed, pyre, redye, redyed, reedy, retype, retyped, teddy, trey, type, typed, tyre, DECRYPTED.

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WIN! £50 WORDSEARCH

The 16 words listed below are all to do with LEGO, but which one isn't in the grid?

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MINDBENDER

The following twelve pairs of letters can be put before and after the letters "RR" to form six six-letter words:

AH	FE	NA	ET	HU	OW
CA	HO	OT	EY	ID	SU

Can you work out what the six words are? Answer tomorrow.

PATHFINDER

Beginning with the letter C in the shaded square below, follow a continuous path through the grid to find 17 items to do with leisure vehicles. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.

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TOWBAR
TRAILER
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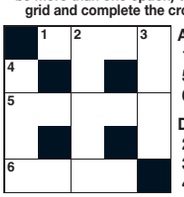

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1 AIDE
5 HINGE
6 BOYD

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2 REDID
3 EACH
4 NOBS

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ACROSS

1 Star of the 1980s Karate Kid films (5,7)
8 Archbishop of York's title (4)
12 Area for regimental business in a barracks (7,4)
13 5th Greek letter (7)
14 Area including Paignton and Brixham (6)
15 Dallas family name (5)
16 Turkey's capital city (6)
20 Tunnel under the Thames (9)
22 Printer's term for capital letters (5,4)
23 Irish drum played with a double-ended stick (7)
25 Low-fat curd cheese (5)
26 Heroine of Ibsen's A Doll's House (4)
29 Abel's brother (4)
30 Followers of Guru Nanak (5)
31 Island on which the Isles of Scilly's capital Hugh Town is located (2,5)
35 Age when farming was first developed (9)
36 Small dog with a long coat (5,4)
38 Surname of Wayne and Coleen (6)
39 Movie ogre voiced by Mike Myers (5)
40 Disciples of Zeno, BC philosopher (6)
44 Rhythmical contraction of the heart (7)
46 Famous Apollo landing craft (5,6)
47 Dutch cheese (4)
48 Event that Australia celebrated in 1988 (US English) (12)

DOWN

2 Principality between France and Spain (7)
3 Variety of Italian ham (5)
4 Knock's Irish county (4)
5 Leading Puritan who was Lord Protector 1653-58 (8)
6 Very small humanoid creature (10)
7 Poet whose Anthem For Doomed Youth was published in 1920 (4)
8 Castle setting of Shakespeare's Hamlet (8)
9 Commodity traded in barrels (3)
10 Video-sharing website (7)
11 Privately, not subject to an open court (2,6)
17 Science of the body's structure (7)
18 Hindu teacher (9)
19 Religious song associated with the Southern US (9)
21 German chancellor from 1982 until 1998 (4)
24 Famous Venezuelan river (7)
27 Person addicted to a brown confection (10)
28 Spanish sparkling wine (4)
29 US legislative body (8)
32 Characteristic morphology of a mature organism (4,4)
33 Lady Bracknell's nephew in a Wilde play (8)
34 Literary character whose valet is Jeeves (7)
37 Genus of herbaceous perennial plants including oxlip (7)
41 Scottish golf course near Prestwick Airport (5)
42 Surname of David Mitchell's comedy partner Robert (4)
43 One of the Great Lakes (4)
45 First name of Pink Floyd co-founder Mr Barrett (3)

ANSWERS TOMORROW

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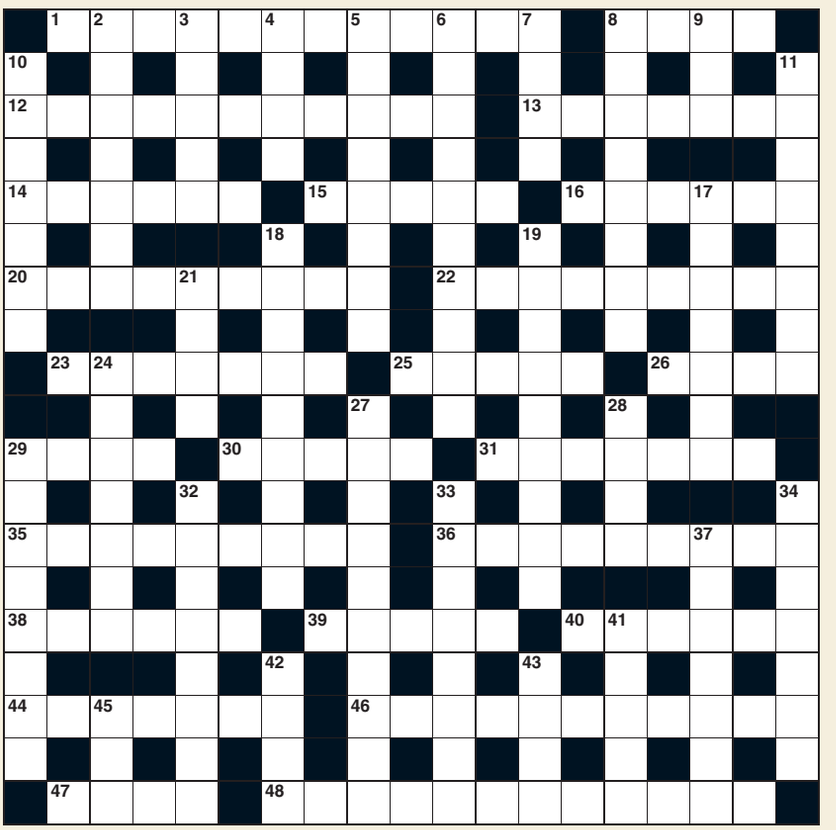

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Complete the clues below and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out a comedian and presenter (7,5).

ACROSS

1 ___ Vergara, Modern Family actress (5)
6 1970s glam-rock band (5)
7 Mo ___, Somalia-born British athlete (5)
9 ___ Howe-Douglas, Ghosts star (6)
11 Michael ___, Cabaret actor (4)
12 ___ Vandross, 1980s/90s soul singer (6)
15 2000s Ricky Gervais sitcom (6)
17 1971 album by John Lennon (7)
18 Popular streaming service (5,2)
21 George ___, 2025 Strictly contestant (6)
23 I Will ___ Love You, Whitney Houston hit (6)
26 Early Michael Caine film (4)
27 ___ Fielding, presenter of Most Haunted (6)
29 ___ Bradbury, TV presenter (5)
30 Shirlie's singing partner with Wham! (5)
31 Finding ___, recent British romcom (5)

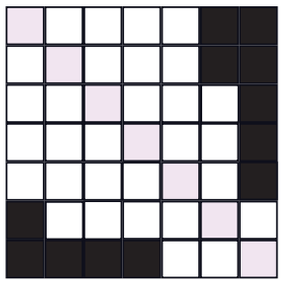
DOWN

1 First name of US rock singer Ms Crow (6)
2 ___ Chaudhry, British actor (4)
3 ___ Graham, The Hangover actress (7)
4 Singer/songwriter with Take That (4,6)
5 ___ Styles, singer (5)
8 ___ Lucas, comedian (4)
10 ___ Paul, Breaking Bad actor (5)
13 Meera Syal's granny character in The Kumars At No. 42 (4)
14 The Night Manager actor (4,6)
16 ___ Another Day, hit for East 17 (4)
19 Chris ___, Guardians Of The Galaxy star (5)
20 Magic Roundabout character (7)
22 Singer who won six BRIT Awards in 2024 (4)
24 John le Carré's spymaster (6)
25 ___ Sewell, The Man In The High Castle actor (5)
28 ___ Falco, The Sopranos actress (4)

SUNRISER

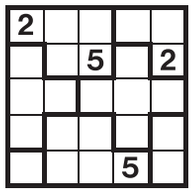
Place these items in the horizontal rows so that the letters in the diagonal staircase spell out another word or name related to All Creatures Great And Small.

AUDREY
FARNON
HELEN
HULTON
JENNY
MAGGIE
VET



SUGURU®

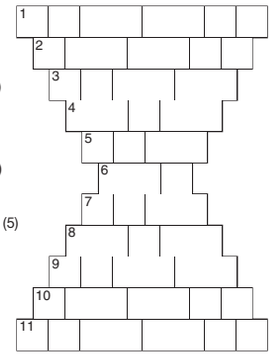
Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.



BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every entry contains the same letters as the previous entry, plus or minus one.

1 Nasty, vindictive (8)
2 Raises (7)
3 Dutch flowers (6)
4 Divided (5)
5 Mines (4)
6 Rubbish heap (3)
7 Exact replica (4)
8 Liquid measures (5)
9 Old keyboard instrument (6)
10 Clergyman's salary (7)
11 Ran fast (8)



THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify an actor:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

3 & 4	Ms Goldsmith, journalist and producer daughter of Sir James and ex-wife of Imran Khan (fourth and last letters of name)
5 & 6	In 1987, she became the first black model to appear on the cover of British Vogue since 1966
8 & 2	Raymond, the first presenter of Tomorrow's World, hosting from 1965 to 1977 (third and last letters of name)
7	Ms Whittaker, who in 2017 became the first female incarnation of the Doctor in Doctor Who (second letter of name)
1	John, who composed the scores for eleven of the James Bond films between 1963 and 1987

Yesterday: Businessman STEVE JOBS (Shane (Mosley), Joe Swash, (John) Denver, Tony Bennett, Roland (Garros)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, call 0901 293 6298. Calls cost £1 plus your phone company's network access charge.

BRAINBOX

Each of these sets of letters is an anagram of a word. When solved correctly, the words will have the R in a different position from first to last – but these are not necessarily in the same order that the anagrams are given! Some sets may have more than one anagram, but there is only one correct solution to the complete puzzle. Can you unscramble the words?

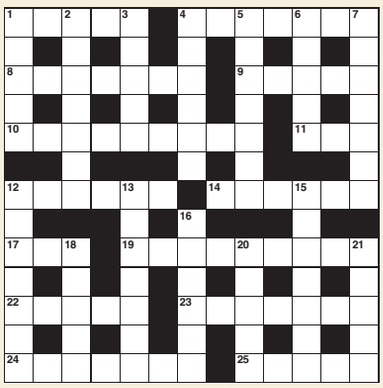
RAABEILV, RAADEGTU, RAAGKNOO, RABCDOPU, RAEEKMOV, RBESSTTU, RCCEHIOT, REEFNOTU

Solution tomorrow.

2-speed crossword

coffee time

...two sets of clues but the answers are the same



ACROSS

1 Banks (5)
4 Cosmetic product for eyelashes (7)
8 Trending (7)
9 Attentive (5)
10 Bat very defensively (9)
11 Black, sticky substance (3)
12 Creative individual (6)
14 Large meal laid out on a table (6)
17 Tease (3)
19 Refuge (4,5)
22 Look with an amused expression (5)
23 Main component of nail varnish remover (7)
24 Noticed (7)
25 Make an attempt (5)

DOWN

1 Small dishes in Spain (5)
2 Take advantage of (7)
3 Ointment (5)
4 Fatal (6)
5 Marine bivalve with a fluted fan-shaped shell (7)
6 Representative (5)
7 Adjusted (7)
12 Stops (7)
13 Believe (7)
15 Covetous (7)
16 Fearful (6)
18 Fetch (5)
20 Animal that can sound like it's laughing (5)
21 Craving attention (5)

cryptic clues

ACROSS

1 Rows in nastier situations (5)
4 Make-up of mother's vehicle at start of auction (7)
8 Well-liked tree houses close to chateau (7)
9 Unusual real time alarm (5)
10 Allows ten jockeys to obstruct (9)
11 Sailor's brief goodbye (3)
12 Tart is cooked for painter? (6)
14 Special study to unfold (6)
17 Bribed to guard bone (3)
19 Dicky heaves fan in protected area (4,5)
22 One leaving as strong as an ox, perhaps, showing expression of happiness (5)
23 Some space to neutralise solvent (7)
24 Quoted over the phone as "able to see" (7)
25 Analysis of donkey lady oddly ignored (5)

DOWN

1 Light snacks of fancy pasta (5)
2 Old plan to conceal one act (7)
3 Soothe learner driver in bar (5)
4 Ethical to take temperature for human being (6)
5 Son to ring work to get seafood (7)
6 Spy might negate guards, on reflection (5)
7 Changed treadle, somehow (7)
12 A Republican supports detentions (7)
13 Dubious American sent back 50% of spectators (7)
15 Jealous of nous I've wasted (7)
16 Scared a father with support (6)
18 Oscar leaving dull transport (5)
20 Chicken going round yard with a carrion-feeder (5)
21 Strangely, deny keeping European poor (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 8 Pro-mi-se, 9 Og-res, 10 Indus(try), 11 Trailer, 12 Gove-r-ness, 15 Nay, 16 Pic (pick), 17 Pasturage, 20 P-(c)ottage, 22 P-r-ong, 24 E-rod-e, 25 Drought.
DOWN: 1 Sp(a)ring, 2 B-old, 3 Airs-trip, 4 Mettle (metal), 5 Co-ma, 6 Sri Lanka, 7 Os-prey, 13 Va-cation, 14 Sculptor, 16 Pop-pet, 18 S-tea-dy, 19 (H)eight-h, 21 Aver, 23 Or-g-y.

Check today's answers before midnight by calling 0905 757 0150 for Across and 0905 757 0151 for Down. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your phone company's network access charge.

INITIALS

If O is Obsessed, what are these other Olivia Rodrigo songs?

1. DL
2. DV
3. V
4. T
5. BIR
6. GHB

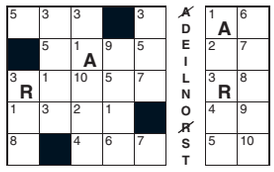
UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out six Irish celebrities.

1. HANGMAN ROTOR
2. BEGIN ALIAS
3. OLD EBB FOG
4. IGNORANT KANE
5. ALIEN OMENS
6. COOL LUNCH AGAIN

MINI CODE

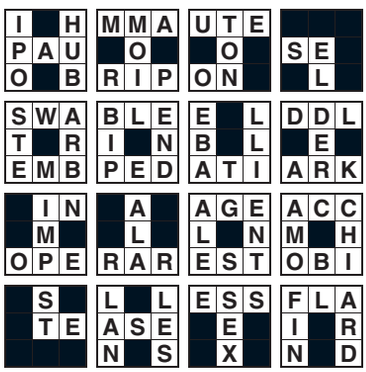
Ten letters have been given a number from 1 to 10. Break the code to complete the crossword.



A D E I L N O R S T

PIECEWORD

With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the pieces into their correct positions in the grid? See next page for solution.



ACROSS

1 Likely to catch fire
3 Take the top off • Seeped slowly
4 Epoch
5 Rib
6 Most uncommon
7 Authority to enter
8 Brief stop
9 Wide sash worn with a kimono
10 Bind (in cloth) • Elizabethan instrument
12 Process of boarding a ship

WORD WORKOUT

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 3 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 3. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
ACROSS: Basis, Locum, Flu, Unbowed, Blur, Ooze, Eve, Eddy, Leek, Postbox, Ado, Draft, Roomy.
DOWN: Buff, Sculled, Square, Lobe, Cow, Medley, Oregano, Helped, Elixir, Abut, Joey, Spa.

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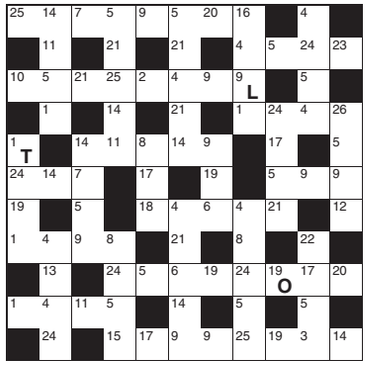


A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

CASH TO BE WON!

ARROWORD

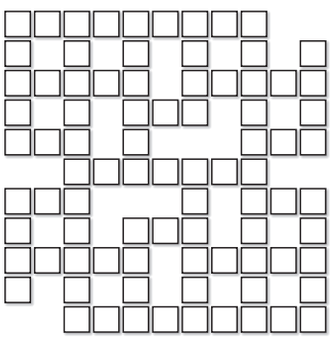
WIN! £50

Complete the puzzle and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out an actor (5,5).

		Biblical second son of Adam		Pictured singer		Icy ground cover	
		Consumer ▶					
		Braided hair		Elsa's sister in Frozen		Become narrower at one end	
		▶					
		Removed, seized	Undiluted ▶				
Orange from Israel		Oil source	Years in a decade ▶		US state, capital Helena		Setting up home (as a bird)
▶				Prayer's conclusion ▶			
Surrounded (6,2)		Spoil	Wall painting	Panto-mime characters	Hastings 'village' ▶		
▶						Country bordering Yemen	
Steam bath invented in Finland ▶					Tiny child ▶		
Be wrong ▶			Florida city ▶				
Object of worship		High card ▶			Grandma ▶		
▶			Informal language ▶				

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid.



3 letters
AIR
ASS
EMU
FAD
LEA
OHM

4 letters
ANTI
LACE
PROM
TRAD

5 letters
AUGUR
CHURN
CURVE
PRIOR
RESIT
SCREE

6 letters
CORPSE
OUTFOX

7 letters
LEXICON

9 letters
COMFORTER
EPICENTRE

11 letters
MUSCULATURE
REGIONALIST

MINIDOKU

Using only the numbers 1-4, fill the empty spaces so every row, column and smaller 2x2 grid contains the numbers 1 to 4.

			4
	1		
		2	
1			

		3	
			1
1			3
	4	1	

Solutions

Minidoku

2	3	1	4
4	1	3	2
3	4	2	1
1	2	4	3

3	4	1	2
1	2	4	3
4	3	2	1
2	1	3	4

Piecework

Kriss Kross

Mini Code

Unscramble
1. Graham Norton
2. Aisling Bea
3. Bob Geldof
4. Ronan Keating
5. Liam Neeson
6. Nicola Coughlan

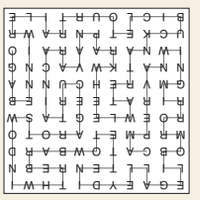
Brickwork
1 Spiteful 2 Uplifts
3 Tulips 4 Split 5 Pits
6 Tip 7 Spit 8 Pints
9 Spinet 10 Stipend
11 Sprinted

Initials
1. Drivers License
2. Deja Vu
3. Vampire
4. Traitor
5. Bad Idea Right?
6. Get Him Back!

Sugaru

1	2	1	5	1
4	3	4	3	5
2	1	5	1	2
3	4	5	4	2
2	1	3	1	3

Pathfinder



Sunrise
Helen, Jenny, Faron, Audrey, Maggie, Hutton, Vet – spelling HERRIOT.

Anagram
ACROSS: 1 Idea 5 Neigh 6 Body
DOWN: 2 Pried 3 Ache 4 Snob

Sekuta
PAGE 2
Top line 941
Middle 783
Bottom 256

TV Mag solutions

Sudoku

6	1	2	5	3	4	
4	3	5	1	6	2	
3	6	1	4	2	5	
2	5	4	3	1	6	
1	4	6	2	5	3	
5	2	3	6	4	1	

Letter Box

S	L	U	M	
P	A	N	E	
A	I	D	E	
T	R	O	T	

Word Ladder
FIRE, FARE, BARE, BARN, BURN.

Add It Up
86

Sakuro
753
982
641

Set Square

3	+	4	+	5
+		×		+
8	+	2	+	7
+		×		−
9	×	1	×	6

Futoshiki

1	4	3	2	5
2	5	4	3	1
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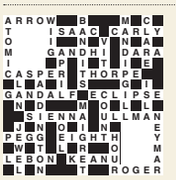
3	2	1	5	4

Prize solutions



From last Saturday

Crossword
SUE JOHNSTON

Wordsearch
WORDSWORTH

Arroword
TOM HOLLAND

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Crossword answer _____

Wordsearch answer _____

Arroword answer _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

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NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2025 was 34.7%

Mystic Meg with MAGGIE HYDE

ARIES March 21 – April 20

Recent events have changed the way you think. You can expect to find yourself at a crossroads, but don't wait for others to point the way. Personal moves or decisions can be made only by you, but must still be explored if you're with a partner. Single? Your sense that you're making a fresh start is spot on.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

You can now make sense of why something didn't work out as you'd expected. There's a financial thread in the weave, and you may have been saved from a wrong move. This weekend reveals the bigger, better and value-for-money options. In love, it's time to reconnect with your partner, or an admirer.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Nothing brightens up your mood more than talking about ideas for the future. This includes a foreign holiday, for this year or next. You thrive on a busy social life so say yes to a last-minute party invite or a gathering at a pub. Good fortune finds you when you mix with new people, whether it's business or love.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

What seemed like too much hassle can be sorted out over the weekend. A new way to fix an old problem is part of this. This includes the chance to heal a rift, should you wish to, but on your terms. If you're looking for love then you'll be ready to ditch a fantasy or a loser. Focus on someone who's real.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Whether you're questioning job satisfaction or looking for challenges, be sure to do your homework. This weekend is ideal for putting together any kind of game plan. Love issues are sensitive, especially if you're just recovering from a drama. Forgive and forget. It may be too soon for the "L" word with a new romance.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Wherever you can sort out a mess, do so. Otherwise, chalk up a difficult episode to experience. Over the weekend, a lighter mood makes for an easier life, and the Sun in your sign from tomorrow is fabulous for energy. Put the passion into your relationship. Single? A new attraction won't keep you guessing.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

A money issue has not created the best of atmospheres but will turn out to be less of a headache than you thought. Even so, it was a wake-up call. This weekend is also a romantic tipping point. A partner may need help, or a reconciliation with an ex is worth the effort now that you're able to benefit from hindsight.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

A personal issue may not be easy to share. Start with some soul-searching and answers will come, maybe even with a psychic moment. A generous friend is just the tonic you need for a shopping trip or a lunch. You can rediscover the power of optimism. New romance is suddenly full of promise.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Keep work matters at a distance. Time away from the pressures is vital for clearing your head and reminding you of what matters. You'll rise above what has been getting you down. The Moon in your sign brings a high chance of your legendary 11th-hour luck. Choose your own lottery numbers, plus a lucky dip.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Use this weekend to get moving. Whether it's a workout or a walk, exercise is a magic wand for your muscles and clearing scrambled thoughts. Treat learning as a pleasure. Read up on the things that interest you. By this evening you'll be ready for your social scene. Single? A new attraction starts at a formal event.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

It's not always the best idea to fix other people's problems, but when you care for someone deeply their mood affects yours. So, do get involved, and you'll find that two heads are better than one. You love a list, but even you can only do one thing at a time. Attached or single, tonight is a top date night. Be lavish.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

The upside to your imagination is that most of the things you worry about never happen. Remind yourself that you don't have to figure out your life before Monday. It's a "no" to too much time alone this weekend and a "yes" to pals who love a party. Someone you meet tonight will find you again tomorrow.

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RISING RISK

THE number of UK businesses at risk of going bust has jumped almost 10 per cent over the past year, figures show.

Companies considered to be in "critical financial distress" rose to 53,756 in the three months to the end of June — up 9 per cent from the same period last year, according to a report by **BEGBIES TRAYNOR GROUP**.

There are a further 674,030 firms in "significant financial distress", up 1.1 per cent. Leisure and culture firms were the worst affected, followed by hotels.

SCORE DRAW

NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY has launched a free credit score tool on its website and banking app.

The group said the service would show customers what factors influence theirs as well as help improve their financial confidence and education.

However, only 39 per cent of Brits who check their credit score claim to understand it "very well", says the Financial Conduct Authority.

A further 9 per cent admit they do not understand it well or at all.

POSTCODE CLOTTERY

Mail's delivery targets fail

ROYAL MAIL has missed its delivery targets again — despite a major overhaul to scrap second-class post on Saturdays.

By EMILY MEE

It comes after 106 postcodes were told earlier this month they would not receive their post on time.

In the first quarter of the year, some 85 per cent of first-class mail arrived the day after being posted – below the 90 per cent target laid down by regulator Ofcom.

Meanwhile, 91.4 per cent of second-class mail was delivered within three working days – failing to meet a 95 per cent remit.

Ofcom had already lowered its delivery targets – from 93 per cent for first-class post and 98.5 per cent for second-class mail. The delivery firm had pledged to meet them by May 2027.

It cited a big improvement from a year earlier, when first-quarter figures showed just 76 per cent of first-class and 89.3 per cent of second-class post arrived on time.

In June, Ofcom launched a probe into Royal Mail's failure to meet delivery targets for the second year running. Last year it gave the green light for major reforms to ease the burden.

They included second-class post no longer being delivered on Saturdays – instead getting sent every other weekday.

Royal Mail chief operating officer Jamie Stephenson said: "First-class performance is well ahead of where we expected to be at this stage of our improvement plan, while second-class is tracking in line with the plan."

'On track' . . Royal Mail

FTSE 100 UP 68.40pts 0.64%
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AstraZeneca*	12228	+	140
Aviva	716½	+	2 ¼
BAE Systems	2127	-	18
BP*	546¾	-	5 ¼
BT Group*	203½	+	1 ¾
Barclays*	491	+	2
Barratt Redrow	311¼	+	2 ¼
Bco Santander SA	1078	+	34
Brit Am Tobacco	4127	-	34
British Land	428¼	+	3 ½
Bunzl	2752	-	4
Burberry Group	1067½	+	11
Compass	2264¼	+	5
Currys	150¼	+	1 ¾
Diageo	1718½	-	5
Drax Group	736	+	13
Experian	2958	-	8
FirstGroup	178¾	-	0 ¼
Frasers Group	820½	+	13 ½
GSK*	1917	-	3 ½
Greggs	1841	+	30
HSBC*	1520¾	+	18 ¼
IMI*	3044	+	54
ITV	71¾	+	0
Imperial Brands*	2496	-	19
InterCont Hotels*	11626	-	95 ¾
Intl Consol. Airlines	421¼	+	2 ¾
Johnson Matthey*	2278	-	3
Kingfisher	321¾	+	1 ¼
Legal&General*	284¼	-	1 ¾
Lloyds Banking Gp*	111	+	1 ¼
LSE Grp*	8614	+	72
Man Group*	304¼	-	0 ¼
Marks & Spencer	382¼	+	5 ¾
Mitch & Butlers	282½	+	3 ½
Mitie Group*	208½	+	0 ¼
Mobico Group	23¾	+	0
Mothercare	0¾	+	0
NatWest Group*	682	+	4 ¼
National Grid	1173	-	13 ½
News Corp A	2222½	+	60 ¾
News Corp B	2532¼	+	64 ½
Next	15285	+	240
Pennon*	461	+	2 ¾
Persimmon	1147½	+	4
Prudential	1025	+	13
Rank Group	111½	+	1 ¾
Reckitt Benckiser*	5150	+	153
Rentokil*	345¼	+	4 ¼
Rightmove	517½	+	21 ¼
Rio Tinto Ltd*	9221¾	+	179¾
Rolls-Royce*	1500	+	0 ½
SSE*	2396	+	11
Sainsbury's	332¾	+	4
Segro*	954	-	3
Severn Trent	3098	+	8
Shell*	3405	-	34 ¾
Smith&New	1066	-	7 ½
Smiths News	69¼	-	
Standard Chart'd*	2161	+	8
Tesco	456¾	+	8 ¼
The Sage Grp	1097½	+	11 ½
Unilever*	4670	+	21
United Utilities	1422	+	6
Vanquis Banking Gp	77¼	+	0 ¼
Vesuvius	381½	+	2 ½
Vodafone	117¼	-	0 ¾
WH Smith	415¼	+	0 ¼

* = ex dividend

JAIL FOR 'TAX ERRORS'

TAXPAYERS could face up to two years in jail for making mistakes on their returns under Government plans.

HMRC is considering a new criminal offence for people who make untrue statements or declarations about their tax affairs without properly checking that they are correct. The new rules could apply to self-assessment returns as well as other direct taxes such as income tax.

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ENERGY PRICE CAP SET TO INCREASE

HOUSEHOLDS are urged to take action now as energy bills are expected to rise by four per cent in October.

Forecaster Cornwall Insight predicts the price cap will climb by £66 to £1,729 a year, the highest level in three years.

The cap is set every three months by regulator Ofgem and is the maximum amount suppliers can charge per unit of energy.

If you're on a tracker tariff, which rises or falls with the price cap, your bills will increase immediately in October.

You could also be hit if your fixed deal is ending.

Uswitch is warning households to lock in now to a fixed tariff below the current price cap. Don't choose a tracker, as the cap is also expected to rise in January.

Richard Neudegg of Uswitch said: "Don't suffer higher winter bills when you don't have to – a decent fixed tariff beats these rates and protects you from further price rises."

Use a comparison website to shop around.

EMILY MEE

Got a hot HEATWAVE DAMAGE

WITH just over a week of summer holidays left, performing these six hot-weather checks around the house could save you a fortune.

Never-ending sun may be great for a tan but can seriously damage your home.

From April to June, home insurers settled heatwave-related claims for 3,600 properties before peak summer hit, says the Association of British Insurers.

Check for small problems before they become big, expensive ones, says Johan Dyer, founder of construction finance firm Buildboss.

Johan has decades of experience as a builder, having worked on sites from the age of ten, and he says: "If you don't deal with these warning signs early on, they could snowball into damage that will cost you thousands of pounds to repair."

Here, **LYNSEY HOPE** *has the rundown of what to check . . .*

WARNING . . . Johan

MOULD BEHIND FURNITURE

HOT, humid weather can encourage this. Check behind wardrobes and sofas for black, green, brown or white patches. Also, check for wall or ceiling damp – which may cause peeling.

COST: Treatment for a small area of mould may cost £100 to £300. A whole room could cost up to £700. Substantial damp-proofing can be £5,000.

HOW TO AVOID: Open windows and trickle vents, and use extractor fans in the kitchen and bathroom – leave on for a bit after cooking or showering. Wipe condensation from windows and sills and dry clothes outside if possible.

WATCH YOUR DRIVE

BEWARE potholes on Tarmac drives in the hot weather, and Johan warns: "Softening is a big issue. In long periods of heat, it will often deteriorate and break apart." Look for soft or sticky bits, tyre marks or footprints, and vehicle-made ruts.

COST: A small patch repair costs up to £300. Resurfacing an existing drive is £40 to £70 a square. In the worst case scenario, having to get a new driveway of, say, 60m² driveway could cost £6,000.

HOW TO AVOID: Seal cracks before water gets in. You can buy Tarmac liquid crack-filler for £27.95 from Amazon.

money talks

By Adele Cooke

NOT many people talk about their finances, but I'm happy to tell anyone why I have EIGHT bank accounts to make me richer.

There is a method to the madness. I earn hundreds of pounds each year from my accounts, never pay fees using my card abroad and always bag the top savings rates too. My Nationwide current account means I qualify for the Fairer Share Payment, a £100 bonus paid to customers typically once a year.

I also have a fixed-rate bond with them, which gives me a set interest rate on money I can lock away for a certain period of time (4.5% for a year), and finally at Nationwide I have an easy-access savings account and use it as an emergency fund.

I joined First Direct in

WHY I HAVE 8

on Saturday

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TACKLE THE RISING TIDE OF WATER BILLS

WATER bills are poised to increase next year but there are ways to cut your costs.

Regulator Ofwat has given Southern Water, Wessex, Thames and Severn Trent clearance to put up charges.

But you could save up to £936 a year with a few simple changes.

Fixing a leaky toilet and tap could be worth £330 a year, says Affinity Water. The Consumer Council for Water said a family of four could claw back £226 a year by taking shorter showers. Or swap one bath a week for a four-minute shower and save £9. Swapping to a free water meter could cut your bill by £190 a year, and not running the tap while brushing teeth saves £36. Or avoid overfilling your kettle to be up to £70 a year to the good.

A 200-litre water butt could save £50 annually, according to UK Water Bills.

The Energy Saving Trust recommends one less wash a week and using a cooler temperature to save around £25 a year.

LAURA PURKESS

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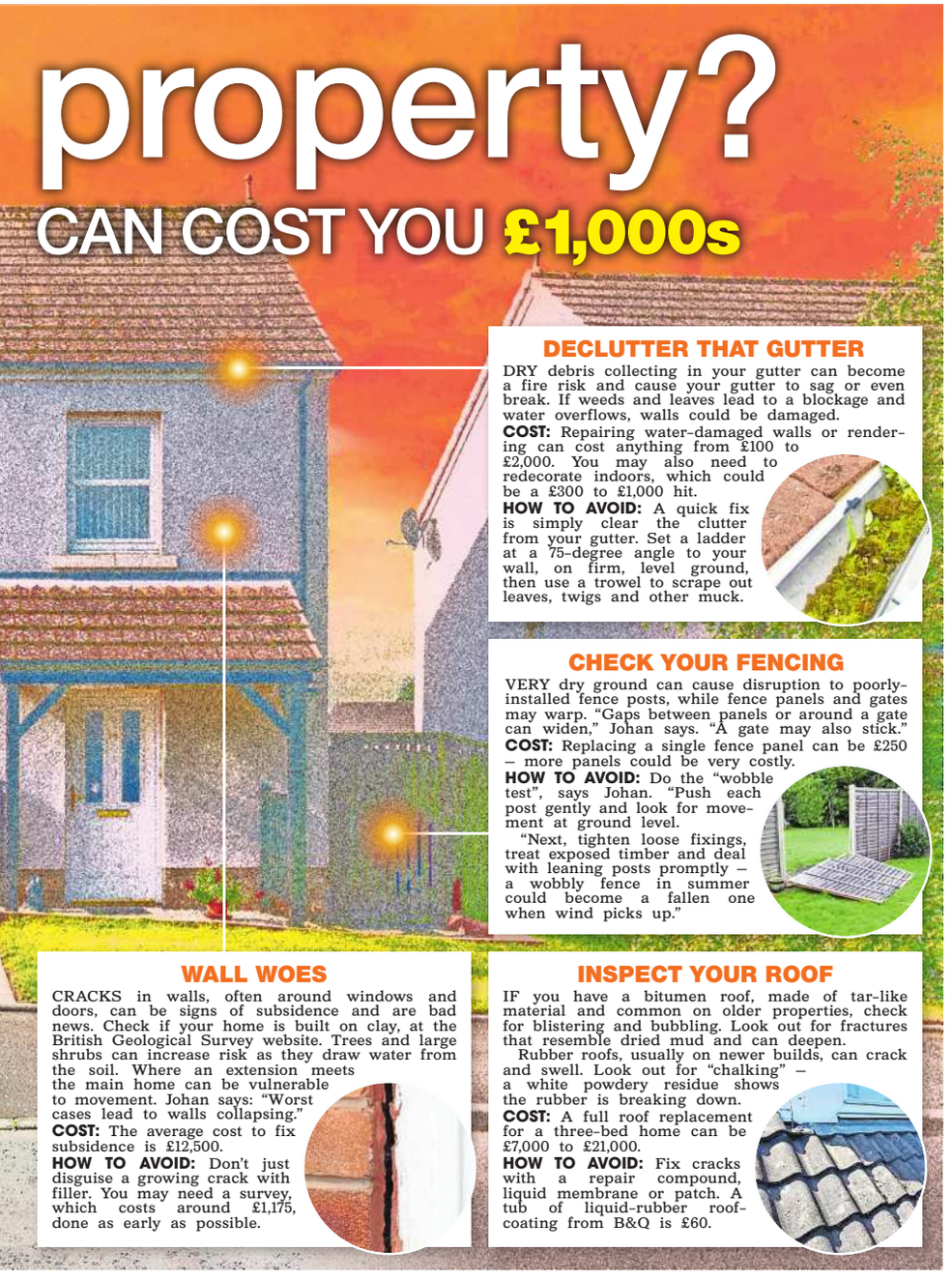

DECLUTTER THAT GUTTER

DRY debris collecting in your gutter can become a fire risk and cause your gutter to sag or even break. If weeds and leaves lead to a blockage and water overflows, walls could be damaged.

COST: Repairing water-damaged walls or rendering can cost anything from £100 to £2,000. You may also need to redecorate indoors, which could be a £300 to £1,000 hit.

HOW TO AVOID: A quick fix is simply clear the clutter from your gutter. Set a ladder at a 75-degree angle to your wall, on firm, level ground, then use a trowel to scrape out leaves, twigs and other muck.

CHECK YOUR FENCING

VERY dry ground can cause disruption to poorly-installed fence posts, while fence panels and gates may warp. "Gaps between panels or around a gate can widen," Johan says. "A gate may also stick."

COST: Replacing a single fence panel can be £250 – more panels could be very costly.

HOW TO AVOID: Do the "wobble test", says Johan. "Push each post gently and look for movement at ground level.

"Next, tighten loose fixings, treat exposed timber and deal with leaning posts promptly – a wobbly fence in summer could become a fallen one when wind picks up."

WALL WOES

CRACKS in walls, often around windows and doors, can be signs of subsidence and are bad news. Check if your home is built on clay, at the British Geological Survey website. Trees and large shrubs can increase risk as they draw water from the soil. Where an extension meets the main home can be vulnerable to movement. Johan says: "Worst cases lead to walls collapsing."

COST: The average cost to fix subsidence is £12,500.

HOW TO AVOID: Don't just disguise a growing crack with filler. You may need a survey, which costs around £1,175, done as early as possible.

INSPECT YOUR ROOF

IF you have a bitumen roof, made of tar-like material and common on older properties, check for blistering and bubbling. Look out for fractures that resemble dried mud and can deepen.

Rubber roofs, usually on newer builds, can crack and swell. Look out for "chalking" – a white powdery residue shows the rubber is breaking down.

COST: A full roof replacement for a three-bed home can be £7,000 to £21,000.

HOW TO AVOID: Fix cracks with a repair compound, liquid membrane or patch. A tub of liquid-rubber roof-coating from B&Q is £60.

BANK ACCOUNTS

2023 after being tempted by its £175 current account switching offer.

I also opened a reward savings account with the bank, which lasts for one year – it pays a huge 7% savings rate.

I pay £300 a month into the account, and I'll earn £139 in a year. I'm keen to buy a home one day so I got an American Express credit card in order to build my credit score. I now earn 0.5% cashback when I spend up to £10,000 a year, which I use to reduce my credit card bill, which I always aim to pay off, in full, monthly to avoid paying interest.

I also have a Post Office pre-paid travel card, which I load up before hols, and a Monzo account. I use its savings pots to build cash for events like weddings.

It doesn't always pay to be loyal – consider being a serial bank account opener just like me.

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THIS WEEK...IF YOU *DO JUST ONE THING*

CANCEL THAT OLD SUBSCRIPTION

WE have all known that sinking feeling after seeing a mystery payment leave our bank account – only to remember it was for a subscription we meant to cancel weeks ago.

But a simple trick could see you get every penny back. If you're an Apple user, head to reportaproblem.apple.com and sign in. Choose "Request a refund", pick your reason and select the charge, then hit submit. You'll usually get the cash back in 24 to 48 hours.

If you're an Android phone user then tap your profile, head to "Payments & subscriptions", find the unwanted charge and hit "Report a problem".

You have 48 hours from the time of payment to make a claim, so be quick.

If that doesn't work, get in touch with your bank and ask about chargeback – a card protection that can help you reclaim if things go wrong.

Your card provider usually needs to start the chargeback process within 120 days of when you made the payment, so you need to make a claim as soon as possible.

OLIVIA TOMLINSON

Ask ADELE

Got a problem? She'll sort it

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NO-COFFEE MACHINE LEFT ME £170 SHORT

QIN June, I ordered a coffee machine from Debenhams for £170.

It was delivered three days later and the package was left in my garden.

But when I opened the box, I had been sent an air fryer instead of a coffee machine.

I contacted Debenhams' customer services but struggled to speak to someone.

Finally, I was told my order had been dispatched by a third-party firm – and that I must return the air fryer by dropping it off at a DPD point before Debenhams will send me the coffee machine. But I don't have a printer so will struggle to print the label I need.

I'm not getting anywhere with Debenhams and keep receiving automated AI responses.

Can you help me get the machine I ordered?

LISA HUGHES, via email

AMy postbag is constantly brimming with letters from readers who have struggled to get through to Debenhams' customer services.

If you have a problem with them, then there's no phone number to call – you have to use the store's online chat or there's the option to chat via Facebook Messenger or email.

Frustratingly, there is no phone number.

You must be gasping for a proper cup of coffee, so I got Debenhams to look into what happened.

It said its policy would normally require you to return the air fryer before it will issue a replacement.

But it agreed that your experience fell below the standards it aims to deliver and has sent you out a machine by next-day delivery.

It has also given you a £50 gesture of goodwill for the inconvenience you suffered.

Under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, when you order goods they must match the description you are given, or any models or samples you are shown at the time of purchase.

If the goods are not as described then you have the right to a full refund or a replacement.

If you can't get a refund, contact your bank to make a chargeback claim, which reverses a card payment and gets your money back.

Say you tried to contact the seller but could not get a response, and submit your receipt, order number and any photos.

money maker

DESPITE leaving school at 15 with just two GCSEs, Hugo Helms now earns £50,000 as a carpenter.

He says not studying for a degree was the "best decision" he has ever made, and avoided wasting three years of his life.

The entrepreneur, from Portsmouth, runs his own carpentry business and has started another company, Toolkit Conduct, which offers workshops to young people aspiring to become tradesmen.

By growing his client base, Hugo expects to be earning £100,000 a year, within five years.

He said: "I'm proof you don't need A levels or a university degree to be earning yourself a good living.

"Now I am saving for my first home, something that might have been unachievable at my age if I hadn't gone into the trades."

Although Hugo showed academic potential at school, his parents were supportive when he decided to leave school and complete his education at home.

He got two GCSEs and started a carpentry and joinery apprenticeship in 2021, which paid £4.30 an hour.

He then started a business as a self-employed subcontractor, in January 2024 and now builds Victorian-style cupboards, wardrobes and even spiral staircases.

He said: "I could have gone to university if I had stayed on in school as I was getting high grades, but I'm glad I didn't, as I wouldn't have the life I have now if I did."

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JET2 is launching holiday packages to a region in Spain for the very first time.

Getaways to Galicia, on Spain's north-west coast, are now available to book via Jet2Villas.

Holidaymakers will have their pick of properties suited to families, multi-generational groups and groups of friends. With the addition of Galicia, Jet2 now has 52 villa destinations in its portfolio – but it's not just destinations that the holiday provider is adding.

This summer, it has added more than 1,000 new properties to its collection.

For more information about what's on offer or to book, see jet2villas.com.

FED up with the sunshine? After the driest summer in years, Pitchup.com is showing travellers where to head in the UK right now to revel in rain.

The camping website noted that in the last week, Google searches for "when will it rain" doubled.S

So in response, it has identified five campsites geared up for rain – including ones with sheltered decking areas and glampsites with rooftop windows. Anyone up for a soaking should consider Tarset Tor Bunkhouse and Bothy Holiday in Northumberland, *pictured*, where thunderstorms have been forecast for next week.

The site's cedar-built eco-bothies bordering Northumberland National Park come with big windows for watching the rain and wood burners for cosying up.

Wallace Lane Farm in Cumbria is also likely to see downpours throughout the coming week.

Lodges here are perched high on a hillside and aren't far from the sea – so perfect for soaking up the wet weather sweeping the coast.

Other great rain-watching campsites include East Crinnis Camping and Caravan Park in Cornwall and Henny Riverside Camping in Suffolk. For more details, see pitchup.com.

GRAND . . . hotel exterior

CONGHAM HALL HOTEL AND SPA
Norfolk

check in... check it out

WHAT'S IT LIKE? This gorgeous Georgian manor house stands among apple orchards and rose gardens, complete with tennis courts and a pristine lawn that is perfect for croquet. Behind the hotel is a sun terrace facing a buttercup meadow – the perfect spot to sip tea and spot deer darting through the long grasses.

ROOMS ANY GOOD? Yes. There are 31 in total, each stocked with herbal toiletries and freshly baked cookies. Many of the rooms are dog-friendly. For a treat, book one of the five Orchard Cabins. These rust-coloured barns all boast free-standing outdoor bathtubs and have floor-to-ceiling windows that let the sunlight flood in.

EAT HERE OR GRAB A PIZZA? The hotel is known for its award-winning afternoon tea, where you can sip on Earl Grey and sweet rhubarb blends, or upgrade to something bubbly. For £30pp, you'll get all the classics – warm scones, finger sandwiches, millionaire's shortbread – all served with views that could be straight out of Bridgerton.

If you're visiting over a Sunday, take a five-minute stroll to The Three Horseshoes. The pub is renowned for its roast platters, which pile up enough meat, roasties, yorkies and veg for four people for £32.

WHAT ELSE? Stays here include access to the Secret Garden Spa, where you can make use of an indoor pool, two saunas, a steam room, scented showers, a foot spa and sun deck with a hot tub, where you can watch the local wildlife.

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE? A spa break for two starts from £239 per night, including breakfast. To book, see conghamhallhotel.co.uk.

JENNA STEVENS

SPLASHING . . . spa pool

WONDERFUL BEACHES OF QUAINT NORFOLK TOWN

HUT STUFF . . . colourful cabins line the beach

TRANQUIL . . . Saltmarsh Lodge

ROOMY . . . lodge's lounge area

Awesome Wells!

THE sun was beating down on the harbour walls where parents and their children were perched, gawping down into the water.

One youngster was giggling with delight at her bucket, which was filled with scuttling crustaceans from her succesful attempts at crabbing.

Holidays in the UK don't get much better than this.

And with Britain basking in weather as hot as the Med over the past few months, there's been even less of a need to fork out on flights abroad.

I was in Wells-next-the-Sea, a quaint Norfolk town home to trendy boutiques, quayside pubs and a pretty beach backed by rows of colourful beach huts.

As a large family of five, we'd decided to ditch the pricey hotel in favour of Pinewoods Holiday Park, which occupies a gorgeous perch, set a short way back from the ocean.

It was the first time in a while that a place had exceeded my expectations. When we arrived at our six-person lodge, I heard a swift declaration of "I could live here!"

The spacious Saltmarsh Lodge – there was ample room for our group, plus the dog – embraced its position near the coast with its wooden panelling and white slatted ceilings, and its three cosy bedrooms were spotlessly clean.

The master bedroom came with a kingsize bed, spacious en-suite and chic dressing area while the other two had twin beds and a separate bathroom.

My favourite part was the open-plan dining, kitchen and living area, where light poured in from the glass doors, large windows and skylight.

We spent most of our evenings in here, settled on the squishy sofas and armchairs playing cards and board games in front of the coal-effect fire.

Afternoons were spent on the wraparound deck, which was delightfully cool thanks to the trees that offered shade from the sun.

The fact it was all enclosed was a big selling point as it meant our furry friend could pad about freely with little chance of escape.

And as we sat on the decking with a tipple, we couldn't believe how quiet and peaceful the setting was.

Apart from the obvious visual giveaway, you'd never have guessed that there were more than 100 pitches surrounding us.

Around the corner from our lodge was an on-site playground, an allotment (reserved for holiday home owners) and a shop for all the essentials. We'd stocked up on everything we needed for tasty breakfasts, such as pastries, eggs and condiments.

Renowned for seafood

When in Norfolk, you have to buy the locally made Krusty Loaf bread, which is baked fresh every day and raved about in the area.

The white loaf, with lashings of butter and scrambled egg, went down a treat.

After an indulgent first breakfast, we took a mid-morning stroll to the beach where the dunes are backed by brightly decorated beach huts and, beyond that, a pine forest. With the sea reachable in just ten minutes, it meant that the dog could be frolicking in the water in no time.

You could easily spend a whole day here, with a pit stop at the Wells Beach Cafe, which serves up cracking bacon butties and frothy coffee.

It also has a pizza corner and an ice cream bar, as well as soft and hard drinks, including Prosecco.

But if you're not much of a beach lover, the main town centre on the other side of the holiday lodge is well worth a potter around.

The port town has a history dating back more than 400 years and is still renowned for its fresh seafood.

I was drawn more to its trendy shops than the fish, though – Glitter & Mud does some excellent trinkets, from homeware to clothing.

Make sure to pop into The Golden Fleece for a pint, too, which we enjoyed on its small patio while seagulls squawked overhead.

Before we knew it, three nights had rolled by and we had to wave goodbye to our cosy lodge.

But we couldn't leave until we had ticked off one British seaside staple: fish and chips.

A lengthy queue forms outside Plattens every evening – and for good reason.

Its batter is wonderfully crispy and its curry sauce packs a punch.

Like I said earlier, holidays in the UK don't get much better than this.

ALICE PENWILL

GO: WELLS-NEXT-THE SEA

GETTING THERE: The closest mainline railway stations are in Sheringham and King's Lynn, with connecting bus services to Wells-next-the-Sea.
STAYING THERE: Lodge prices start from £747 for a three-night stay, sleeping six people in three bedrooms. For more details or to book, check out holidaylodges.co.uk/norfolk-lodges.

BESIDE THE SEASIDE . . . Alice in Wells

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OLD 'N NEW . . . The Old South Meeting House, where the 1773 Boston Tea Party was organised

SPILL THE TEA ON BOSTON

BOSTON is famously America's most Irish city, but it may be its most English too.

With its green spaces, historic buildings and cobbled streets, the centre can feel like London or Cambridge.

Indeed, Boston has a Cambridge – along with a Brighton, a Hyde Park, a Chelsea and a Dorchester.

The city itself, a major US port, was named after Boston in Lincolnshire.

And thanks to its ties to the American Revolution, England still looms large.

Boston and Massachusetts may have been instrumental in the rebellion that ended George III's rule over the 13 American colonies, but they have kept large parts of our culture.

This year, Boston has been celebrating its role in 250 years of American Independence, even though the actual 1776 Declaration document was signed 300 miles away in Philadelphia.

As Bostonians like to joke, Boston did all the hard work, while Philly just did the paperwork.

Thanks to the anniversary – and the World Cup, of course – Boston (or Bawstin, as they seem to pronounce it) has rarely had such a high profile.

WHY SHOULD I GO?

Whether you are a history buff, culture vulture, sailing enthusiast, sports nut, foodie or an enthusiastic pubgoer, Boston has something for everyone.

In the autumn you can see it at its best. Summer is too hot, winter too cold. In the Fall, the weather is still warm enough for shorts but the foliage is turning, making this attractive city even more so.

Boston is one of America's most fascinating cities, and its European feel gives it a familiarity that's uncommon in the rest of the US.

It's an intriguing mix of the blue collar and the blue blood, as the city is both proudly working class and defiantly Old Money. It's also very studenty – Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are just over the Charles River.

One thing to remember, though – Boston ain't a "Have a nice day" kind of town. Bostonians can be brusque and wrapped up in themselves – so quite a lot like Londoners.

STREETS MADE FOR WALKING?

Absolutely – and you really don't want to drive in Boston *(see box, right)*. Unlike New York or Chicago, with their easy-to-navigate grid systems, old Boston developed without the help of town planners.

That means the higgledy-piggledy central streets haven't changed much since the 18th and 19th centuries. Rubbish for cars, great for walking.

In Beacon Hill, for example, you will find quaint cobbled alleys full of original gas street lamps, wrought-iron balconies and pretty red-brick terraced houses.

The centre is surprisingly small and easy to cover on foot. And the best way to get to know it is on a walking tour.

Try the 2.5-mile Freedom Trail walk, which offers a potted history of the fight for independence. It takes in 16 landmarks, including the Massachusetts State House, Founding Father Paul Revere's House, the Battle of Bunker Hill Monument and the Boston Massacre site.

ANYTHING FOR THE BUCKET LIST?

Loads. Head to Fenway Park to catch a baseball game at the oldest stadium in America, home of the Red Sox.

Art buffs will love the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum – a large private collection donated to the city by an eccentric millionaire – housed in an incredible Venetian-style palazzo.

The huge and immaculate Boston Common, America's oldest public park, will give you some rare moments of calm in the middle of this bustling city.

View Boston offers a 360-degree panorama of the skyline from the 52nd floor of the Prudential Building in Back Bay.

If you have time, take in the city centre's main neighbourhoods.

North End, on the waterfront, is a buzzing Little Italy full of trattorias, gelatarias and rival bakeries selling "Boston's best cannoli". Back Bay has charming squares and impressive Victorian brownstone town houses.

Beacon Hill has pretty, upmarket streets with boutiques and high-end restaurants, and South End is the place for trendy bars and bistros.

WHERE SHOULD I EAT?

Boston is known as Beantown – a clue to its speciality: slow-cooked beans with molasses and pork. Seafood is also a big draw here, ranging from New England clam chowder to lobster rolls and fresh oysters.

We headed to North End for a cosy, traditional family-run Italian trattoria, Bacco (bacconorthend.com) with fantastic food and craft beers.

And we particularly loved Pagu (gopagu.com) in Cambridge, which mixes Japanese and Spanish tapas (who thinks of these combinations?!) to mouth-watering effect.

If you have one big blowout in Boston, **THIS** is the place to go. Superb.

I FANCY A DRINK!

Another tradition from the old country Bostonians embrace is the pub culture. From English taverns to Irish pubs and trendy bars, drinking is **BIG** here.

And then there's Cheers. The bar that inspired the classic TV comedy starring Ted Danson used to be called the Bull and Finch and is now a tribute act to the sitcom. It's worth a look – even if it's only a selfie in front of the sign.

Oh, and Bostonians **DO** drink tea – despite tipping loads into the harbour in the famous 1773 Boston Tea Party to protest against English taxation.

WHERE SHOULD I STAY?

We stayed at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in Back Bay (marriott.com) – a modern, comfortable hotel with great views across the Charles River and into Cambridge.

It's an excellent base for discovering further and an easy walk into the centre along the attractive, tree-lined Commonwealth Avenue.

SIMON COPELAND

CHEERS . . . star Ted

city stay Q&A BOSTON

MASSACHUSETTS

THE big draw in Massachusetts is Boston *(see City Q&A, left)* but there's plenty more to see.

Beautiful Cape Cod, where the Pilgrims on the Mayflower first landed, is full of pretty little towns, sandy dunes and marshes that are teeming with wildlife.

We hit the resort of Sandwich and, as it was out of season, had the beach to ourselves.

The buzzing town of Quincy is worth a look, too. It is best known for being the birthplace of two US presidents, John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams.

You can see their crypts in the United First Parish Church – the only place where you will get so close to a presidential tomb.

BURIAL SITE . . . church

But nothing is as good as whale watching. The fishing port of Gloucester is **THE** place on the New England coast to see them, thanks to its proximity to three rich feeding grounds.

One whale would have been fantastic, but we saw **EIGHT** – a mixture of humpbacks and minkes – surfacing so dramatically they could have been performing for the cameras. And you can get unbelievably close to them.

The boat crew will fill you in on how these gentle giants live, and even who they are. They can identify each one by the marking on their fins.

If we hadn't managed to see a single golden leaf during our trip, it wouldn't have mattered after this. The absolute highlight.

WE STAYED AT: Quincy Marriott (marriott.com).

THE state flag of Maine has a moose on it but it probably ought to be Pennywise the clown.

Yup, Maine is Stephen King country – and you can see why. Its forests, small colonial towns and rugged coastline have a vaguely eerie quality that the writer has exploited to the full.

We stayed in Portland – King's hometown – a working lobster port that's also a laid-back city full of refugees from the 9-5 grind of New York and Boston.

There's an appealing, alternative, hippy vibe and it's great for bars with live music (try the local Alagash beer) and restaurants selling fresh lobster. The rolls

MAJESTIC . . . whale-watching and, *below*, route map

FROM pretty colonial towns and buzzing cities to rugged coasts, sandy beaches and beautiful mountains, there is nowhere quite like New England.

And the best time to see it is in the Fall *(autumn)*, when the leaves turn red and gold and you can do a bit of whale watching, too.

New England's six states – Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island – are all quite different but add up to one amazing holiday experience.

It is one of the ultimate bucket list trips and doable – if you plan carefully.

We decided to cover all six states plus Boston in one mega two-week, 600-mile round trip.

It can be done – New England is small enough to fit into Texas four times over.

We didn't see eveything, obviously, but we had a damned good go!

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COLOURFUL . . . autumnal shades across New England

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RHODE ISLAND

RHODE ISLAND may be America's smallest state but it acts big.

It's big on maritime history and big on seafood. It is also big on understatement.

Newport is home to some of the grandest and most opulent mansions ever built.

And do you know what locals call them? "Summer cottages".

We toured The Breakers, the grandest of all. It has 70 rooms, all astonishingly decorated and furnished, takes up more than 130,000 sq ft and was based on a 16th century Italian palazzo.

It was built by the Vanderbilt family, who made millions in railroads and steamships in the 19th century. You can see more of these over-the-top symbols of the Gilded Age on the Cliff Walk.

POSH . . . The Breakers

This 3.5-mile path along the coast has crashing Atlantic Ocean waves on one side (the breakers) and the grand estates on the other.

Train magnate Vanderbilt might have been amused by another top attraction in Newport – the Rail Explorers.

This is a three-mile stretch of disused track that you pedal along on customised "rail bikes". On the way you can take in fantastic coastal views and may even spot the ospreys that nest in the area.

Newport itself is a charming port with a really vibrant quayside stuffed with bars and restaurants.

And do the sunset sail round the harbour. You will head under the gigantic Newport Bridge which connects RI to Connecticut.

It's such an amazing sight you will want to big it up.

WE STAYED AT: The Chart House Inn (charthouse inn.com).

VISIT New England and you could be forgiven for thinking everything is about the settlers and the Founding Fathers.

But the Mashantucket Pequot Museum will put you straight.

The Pequot were one of the original New England tribes – and almost totally wiped out by disease, slavery and massacre caused by the new immigrants.

It's the darker side of the early American story, and well told at this fascinating museum.

The Pequot have had the last laugh, though. The museum is next to the Foxwoods Casino, one of the biggest in America. It's

AND SEE THE LEAVES TURN. YOU WILL...

New England

MAINE

CUTE . . . Kennebunkport

here were the best we had all holiday.

Kennebunkport couldn't be more different. It's a pretty, upmarket town, whose main claim to fame is that it is the summer retreat of the Bush presidents. It is a very touristy, chocolate box kind of place, full of art galleries, craft shops and tearooms. It's a bit like a US Bourton-on-the-Water.

Eat at the upscale Port Fish & Chop House restaurant. It's a Bush favourite, apparently – ours too.

By the way, the Bush compound is just around the headland from Kennebunkport at Walker's Point and is worth a look.

Don't linger there for too long, though – the Secret Service are liable to suddenly pop up out of nowhere to check you out.

WE STAYED AT: The Breakwater Inn & Spa, Kennebunkport (breakwaterinnmaine.com), and Portland Regency Hotel & Spa (theregency.com).

NEW HAMPSHIRE

IT'S when you head inland from Maine to New Hampshire that the Fall hits you.

Nothing quite prepares you for the reds and golds, purples, oranges and coppers of the foliage – and there is so much of it.

Miles and miles of brilliant colours. It is everything we hoped it would be.

New Hampshire is prime "leaf-peeping" country – what the locals call the invasion of tourists who want to catch that **EXACT** moment the leaves turn. Think bird-watchers are obsessive? You ain't seen nothing.

A stop at Loon Mountain (named after loons, a duck-like bird, not the peepers) in the White Mountains National

ON LOON . . . Copelands

Park gave us the best chance to take it all in.

We took the gondola up to the top and spent a couple of hours trekking along the mountain trails (watch out for bears). From the summit all you can see are beautiful colours in every direction.

Our B&B, a charming inn called the Cranmore Mountain Lodge in the middle of the park, was perfect for peeping and had another bonus – the chance to sleep in baseball legend Babe Ruth's bed. His daughter owned the place – putting the inn in innings, I guess.

And while you are in NH, try the sightseeing cruise on Lake Winnipesaukee, famously used as a location for the film On Golden Pond.

In a state full of sights to marvel at, this placid stretch of water with its many islands and mountain backdrop is one of the best.

WE STAYED AT: Newfound Lake Inn (newfoundlakeinn.com) and the Cranmore Mountain Lodge, North Conway (cmlnh.com).

GO: NEW ENGLAND

GETTING THERE/ STAYING THERE: America As You Like It (americaasyoulikeit.com/020 8742 8299) has a 14-night fly drive from £2,930pp, including return flights, car hire and accommodation.

This includes two nights at the Sheraton Boston, one night at The Breakwater Inn & Spa, Kennebunkport; two nights at the Portland Regency Hotel & Spa, Portland, Maine; two nights at the Newfound Lake Inn, New Hampshire; one night at Cranmore Mountain Lodge, North Conway, New Hampshire; three nights at Hotel Champlain Burlington, Vermont; two nights at the Chart House Inn, Rhode Island; and one night at the Marriott Quincy.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

GO AT THE RIGHT TIME. New England's Fall officially runs from September to November, with late September and October being the peak. Don't go too late or, as locals put it, you run the risk of it being "stick season" when all the leaves have dropped off. However, whale watching ends late September/early October, so to see both, you need to time it right. A lot of it's down to luck.

GO ANTI-CLOCKWISE. If you want to see the best foliage, head north up the coast to Maine, across to Vermont, then drive back through New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The leaves start turning in the north first, so you will essentially be following the trees as the colours change.

DRIVE...BUT DON'T DRIVE. New England roads are a pleasure. Petrol is still cheap, car hire is affordable and roads are wide, well maintained and signposted, and not that busy. But **DON'T** drive in Boston – the traffic is horrendous and there is nowhere to park. Make Boston either the start or the end of your trip so you aren't stuck there with a car.

CONNECTICUT

PORT TOWN . . . Mystic

owned and run by the Pequot, and it has made them the richest tribe in the US.

Head down to Mystic to learn about another one of New England's guilty secrets – whaling.

The industry was so lucrative it made New England the Silicon Valley of its day.

Mystic – an attractive town that was the setting for the movie Mystic Pizza – was a major 19th century port.

Its brilliant Mystic Seaport museum recreates that great seafaring era and contains the world's oldest surviving wooden whaling ship.

Go on board and get a taste of what it was like working in this terrible and hugely dangerous industry.

Thirty-odd men lived in tiny, cramped cabins often for years at a time. The Captain, at least, had his own cabin (and toilet), as did his wife – the only woman on the trip.

WE STAYED AT: Hilton, Mystic (hilton.com).

VERMONT

I'M a Frank Sinatra nut and one of his greatest recordings is Moonlight In Vermont.

I'm not 100 per cent sure Frank ever actually went there (not trashy enough for him), but, hey, it doesn't matter.

I know from the song this state is something special.

Vermont invented leaf-peeping with canny marketing in the 1950s that promoted an overlooked season into something special.

And it is here that the trees are maybe at their best. The vibrant colours are set off by the white-painted clapboard of the houses and churches in colonial villages and towns.

We headed across rolling farmland that could be in Old England to the buzzing state

VIBRANT . . . Burlington

capital Burlington, on the shores of Lake Champlain, via a stop at Hildene in Manchester, the family home of President Abraham Lincoln.

It's certainly worth a detour as it tells one of the great American rags-to-riches stories and contains possibly the nation's most famous political symbol – Abe's stovepipe hat.

But the highlight was the scenic village of Dorset, and our stay at the homely yet lively Dorset Inn – Vermont's oldest tavern.

If you've seen that great old movie White Christmas, with Bing Crosby, this is the kind of place it's set in. In fact, a stay at the Dorset may be the ultimate Vermont experience.

WE STAYED AT: Hotel Champlain Burlington (hotelchamplainvermont.com) and the Dorset Inn (innsofdorset.com).

HIT . . . Frank Sinatra

OUR Spotlight On column gives you the lowdown on what to see and do in your favourite holiday hotspots – as well as lesser known gems. This week we shine a light on a Turkish delight: Istanbul's Karakoy district, an historic waterfront turned trendy cultural hub.

ISTANBUL

MUST SEE / DO: Start at Galataport, Karakoy's transformed waterfront district stretching along the Bosphorus river. Once part of Istanbul's historic working port, the promenade is now home to restaurants, shops and cultural spaces including Istanbul Modern – with views across the water towards the historic peninsula. From here, wander into Karakoy's backstreets before climbing towards neighbouring Galata, where the cobbled lanes and historic buildings lead to the landmark Galata Tower.

HIDDEN GEM: Tucked between Karakoy and Galata, the Kamondo Stairs are one of the area's most distinctive architectural details. Built by the influential Kamondo banking family in the 19th Century, the sweeping stone staircase curves elegantly between the old banking streets, creating one of Istanbul's most photogenic corners. Its unusual design makes it easy to miss among the surrounding historic buildings, but it's well worth seeking out while exploring the area on foot.

BEST VIEW: For one of Istanbul's most popular panoramas, head up to the Galata Tower. From its elevated position above Karakoy, visitors are rewarded with sweeping views across the Golden Horn, Bosphorus and historic peninsula, taking in the domes and minarets of the old city and ferries crossing between the European and Asian sides. Time a visit for late afternoon to watch the city begin to glow below.

RATED RESTAURANT: For street food, head to Mumhane Street. Mehmet Usta's fish wraps are a local favourite – mackerel grilled over open coals and spiced with pomegranate molasses, sumac and herbs then rolled in flatbread. For a sit-down delight, visit Karakoy Lokantasi to sample Turkish home-style dishes and traditional mezes including slow-cooked lamb.

BEST BAR: Unter on Mumhane Street was one of the original venues that helped transform the Karakoy district. By day, it's a buzzing cafe, by night it transforms into a vibrant neighbourhood bar for craft cocktails and wine. For more rooftop views, head to The Bank Hotel's Roof Bar on Bankalar Street for sunset drinks.

HOTEL PICK: Hovagimyan Hotel & Suites is a boutique bolthole in the heart of Karakoy, housed within a landmark building. It has been meticulously restored, and each of the 20 suites is individually furnished with Art Nouveau and Art Deco antiques. Each also comes with a fully equipped kitchen. The hotel is moments from the Bosphorus waterfront and Galata Tower – and top-floor bar The Penthouse has fantastic panoramic views. Rooms start from £213 per night in September. See hovagimyan.com.

TASTY . . . Mehmet Usta's fish wraps

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CYPRUS: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 4★ Avlida Hotel in Paphos is from £748pp, with flights from Gatwick on August 31. See easyjet.com/en/holidays.

HEREFORDSHIRE: Four nights' self-catering at Bearwood Cottage in Pembridge is from £90.80pp, based on five sharing. See ruralretreats.co.uk.

ALBANIA: Seven nights' B&B at the 5★ Coral Boutique Hotel in Radhimë is from £315pp including flights from Luton on September 29. See thomascook.com.

CORNWALL: Seven nights' self-catering at Cornish Meadows Holiday Park is from £648 in total for arrival on September 7. Accommodation sleeps up to six. See lovatparks.com.

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SAVE . . . on Hurghada hols

news

AFTER easyJet said this week it will axe all its flights from Leeds Bradford from January, leaving many trippers stuck, Jet2 and Ryanair have each stepped in with deals.

Jet2 is now offering ten per cent off Jet2 flights from Leeds Bradford for departures through to March 2028, on top of £100 off all Jet2holidays bookings.

Use code YORKSHIRE10 for the flight discounts, and YORKSHIRE100 for the holidays offer. Bookings must be made by August 31. Also, single-parent families can get £100 off with code YORKSHIRE100SPF and solo travellers £50 with code YORKSHIRE50SOLO. Pick from 65 destinations, including Hurghada and Sharm el Sheikh, both in Egypt; Tunisia; Preveza and Santorini, both in Greece; and Tivat in Montenegro. And next year there will be more.

For more details, see jet2.com and jet2holidays.com.

Meanwhile, Ryanair has responded with an offer on its Leeds to Malaga route.

Travellers heading to the Spanish city who have been affected by the easyJet cancellations can bag a flight with Ryanair from £29.99 each way.

The deal is available to book now until the end of February.

Check out ryanair.com.

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DUBBED The Town of Kings and Fishermen, Cascais is the Portuguese Riviera's glittering seaside jewel.

Once a sleepy fishing hub, it was transformed into a summer retreat for king-in-exile Umberto II of Italy and attracted European aristocracy in the 19th century.

Just a 35-minute train ride from Lisbon, it charms sun-seekers with golden beaches, grand mansions, cobbled streets and fresh seafood that won't break the bank.

10 reasons to go

CLASSIC SIGHT: The fairy-tale Castro Guimarães museum boasts bright yellow walls and a stone bridge overlooking a sea inlet.

Built in 1900 by aristocrat Jorge O'Neill, he celebrated his Irish heritage in the Shamrock Room that features a hand-painted ceiling.

The museum itself features a host of 17th to 19th century aristocratic treasures, from art and furniture to porcelain collected by Portuguese nobility.

There's also a fabulous 16th-century illuminated manuscript showcasing early Lisbon.

NATURAL ATTRACTION: Boca do Inferno, or the Devil's Mouth, is a dramatic cavern carved into the limestone cliffs of Cascais.

Head here at high tide when Atlantic swells smash through the rock arch with a deafening roar, blasting sea spray into the air.

Legend has it a local sorcerer created the chasm to save his love from a giant, but today it is simply one of the coast's most awe-inspiring photo spots.

FUN NEIGHBOURHOOD: Rua Amarela, also known as Yellow Street, is the buzzing, culinary hub of the old town.

Draped in fairy lights with lots of al-fresco dining, the pedestrian alley is packed with lively tapas joints and cocktail bars.

Kick back with a cold Super Bock beer or glass of Vinho Verde and dig into a juicy steak or grilled chorizo at local's favourite, José Ignácio.

THE GRAND HOTEL: Tucked away between the Sintra mountains and the sea, the renovated Kimpton Quinta da Marinha Cascais sits on a championship 18-hole Robert Trent Jones golf course and delivers relaxed 5★ luxury.

The resort has chic rooms, an outdoor pool, an onsite lake for open water swims and the serene Natur Spa for cooler months.

Foodies will love charcoal-grilled Portuguese seafood at restaurant Ao Ponto, while every evening, guests can enjoy the signature Kimpton Social Hour – featuring free-flowing wine, cocktails and nibbles in the courtyard.

THE WOW MOMENT: Mar do Inferno is a family-run seafood restaurant on the cliffs of Boca do Inferno and **THE** place for the ultimate dinner with a view.

It serves sweet Algarve shrimp, spider crab and sea bass baked in a thick crust of Atlantic salt.

Meals cost around £35 – or more if you want market-priced fish. Request a table on the terrace to watch the sun set.

FESTIVAL TIME: The Ageas Cool Jazz festival rocks the open-air Hipódromo Manuel Possolo every July, turning this royal town into a party hotspot.

Set across ten hectares of lush parkland, the intimate festival blends world-class music with a relaxed summer picnic vibe.

Past heavyweights include Franz Ferdinand and Scissor Sisters, alongside international jazz legends and local artists.

CULTURAL FIX: The Cidadela Art District is a creative hub inside a massive 16th century fortress.

Once built to fend off pirates – and later used as a summer getaway for Portuguese kings – the historic stone courtyard is now packed with open-air art galleries, pop-up studios and striking outdoor sculptures.

You can wander through artists' workshops, grab a craft coffee and soak up the unique mix of medieval history and modern culture.

TOP TOUR: If there's a crowd of you, charter a boat with Palma Yachts from Cascais Marina for an unforgettable day at sea.

You'll glide past grand coastal fortresses toward Cabo da Roca – the westernmost point of mainland Europe – where dramatic 300ft cliffs drop into the Atlantic.

Drop anchor in secluded bays for a plunge in the cool waters, and keep your eyes peeled for wild pods of bottlenose dolphins jumping alongside the hull. Prices are from £385 for up to 14 people.

If there's just two of you, Sailing Cascais and Cascais Routes offer two-hour small-group sailing trips from the marina with prices from £35 to £50.

BEST BEACH: Praia da Conceição and Praia da Duquesa offer calm, shallow waters that are ideal for lazy family swims right next to the town centre's cafes.

Adrenaline junkies should head four miles north to the windswept Praia do Guincho.

Framed by wild sand dunes and the Sintra mountains, its rolling Atlantic swells make it a playground for surfers, windsurfers and kiteboarders.

ONE MORE TREAT: Santini is Portugal's most legendary gelato parlour and it has been serving ices to royals, celebrities and tourists for more than 75 years.

Its stylish new spot by the historic Cidadela Fortress turns up the heat with boozy ice cream sangrias – a refreshing cocktail made with crisp white wine, fruit and sorbet you can drink straight from a glass.

JONATHAN ROSE

GO: CASCAIS

GETTING THERE: TAP Air Portugal flies directly from Heathrow to Lisbon six times per day, with fares starting from £70. See flytap.com.

STAYING THERE: Rooms at the newly renovated Kimpton Quinta da Marinha Cascais start from £140per night. See ihg.com.

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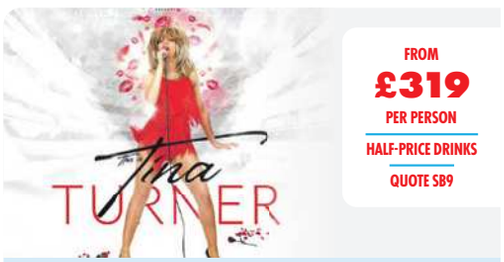

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LEARN!

Q MY potted tomato plants are 5ft tall and I have been watering and feeding since fruits appeared. I use seaweed-based fertiliser, but recently the bottom leaves have turned yellow. What am I doing wrong?
HARVEY, Weymouth

A It's normal for the lowest leaves of a fruiting plant that size to turn yellow and die. Your plant is focusing on ripening the fruit and growing top leaves.

Seaweed feed is excellent, but you could switch to old fave Tomorite.

WORK out ways of catching and conserving water going forward. Keep harvesting and deadheading. Think about what to plant to overwinter.

This week's **JOB**

ACE WAY TO SAVE AN ACER

WORRIED about your acer going crispy? You are not the only one. But don't panic – it is normal.

It is common for acers, or Japanese maples, to struggle in extreme heat as their thin leaves dry out quickly, leading to scorched edges.

To care for them during the heat, water deeply at the tree base early in the morning, and try to avoid wetting the foliage.

If you can, apply a thick layer of organic mulch around the root zone to retain essential moisture.

Move container-grown acers into a shaded spot. And if your acer is already crispy, do not prune off the damaged leaves just yet.

Scorched leaves protect inner twigs from sunburn. Water consistently, but never overwater.

Wait until late winter or early spring to prune away dead wood.

Drought of ideas?

AFTER months without any rain, a hefty hosepipe ban and nearly six weeks of kids' footfall, I'm a bit done with my garden right now.

Controversial, I know, especially as I'm fully aware there are seeds I could be planting and pruning and tidying jobs I could do.

But once I've spent eight billion hours watering my outside space by hand each day, the idea of starting again in my dust-bowl garden is exhausting.

So instead I've been dreaming about what to do when the colder weather finally arrives – and it all involves landscaping.

Ideally I'd like to build a pergola this winter.

And if you're thinking the same – or fancy laying a new path or patio – autumn onwards is the perfect time to do it.

Not only has everything died back a bit, the ground should be softer from rain, so better for construction.

Plus, it means you can get it all done in time for spring, when you want to be back out there more. And materials such as cement, mortar and grout will dry more quickly and efficiently in cooler weather.

PERFECT PREP . . . get ground work right first , says Rupert

Rupert Keys is the author of The Garden DIY Book – a thorough 'how to' on landscaping jobs, from beginner-level upwards, that comes out next month.

He also runs landscaping training academy TASK and has been involved in more than 70 show gardens. He told me: "One of the most important things to understand when building a garden is that much of the success comes from what you don't immediately see.

"A large part of any project, often around 80 per cent, is in the preparation beneath the surface, from getting the ground right to using the correct materials."

He added: "Do not struggle. Preparation means planning your project.

"And if there are certain pieces of equipment you might not be able to hire or work yourself, there is no shame in getting help.

"Support local landscapers and contractors – there are groundworkers that can help you with anything."

●The Garden DIY Book, published by DK Books, is out in September.

HOT RHS SURVEY

THE Royal Horticultural Society has launched a survey to understand how this summer's heat has affected your garden.

It wants to know what plants have thrived, struggled or surprised you. The aim is to improve its understanding of plant resilience, support future climate adaptation research and inform RHS gardening advice.

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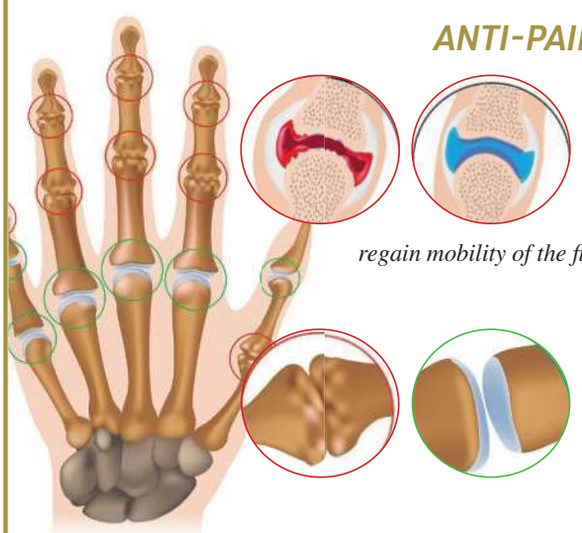

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Dozen get much better for Wigan

WIGAN went top after a Super League-record 12th straight victory.

Liam Marshall *(below)* went over twice with Bevan French's try and a 95-metre effort from Jai Field helping the hosts to a 26-12 win over Wakefield.

But Trinity boss Daryl Powell raged after Max Jowitt's early effort was chalked off.

He reacted to video official Liam Moore's decision to back the decision by mouthing "absolute f***ing bulls***!"

Corey Hall and Ky Rodwell got Wakefield's tries while Emre Guler made his debut from the bench just five days after playing for NRL side St George-Illawarra.

Adam Cook grabbed 30 – scoring two tries and 11 goals – as **LEIGH** thumped **BRADFORD** 62-10.

Aussie Ryan Carr is no longer **CASTLEFORD** coach, officially for "personal reasons".

Claims of a bust-up with players and staff led to Carr, 38, being suspended a fortnight ago.

By GARY CARTER

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LIGUE 1 - Marseille 4 Strasbourg 0.

LA LIGA - Real Betis 1 Real Sociedad 0.

CRICKET

ROTHESAY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

(Day 2 close)

DIVISION ONE

Hampshire v Yorkshire

The Rose Bowl: Yorkshire 173 (61.2 overs; K J Abbott 4-17). and 135-5 (40.0 overs; A Lyth 51) Hampshire 197 (88.0 overs; G C H Hill 5-29).

Leicestershire v Glamorgan

Leicester: Leicestershire 151 (62.5 overs). and 79-2 (17.3 overs) Glamorgan 152 (53.1 overs; B W M Mike 4-38, I G Holland 4-30).

Somerset v Essex

Taunton: Somerset 469 (127.5 overs; J F Thomas 110, H M Nicholls 96, J E K Rew 74no, T B Abell 65; S J Cook 4-92). Essex 158 (42.4 overs; M J J Critchley 50; M J Leach 4-37) and 59-0 (19.0 overs).

Surrey v Nottinghamshire

The Kia Oval: Nottinghamshire 184 (68.2 overs; L A Patterson-White 76no; T Lawes 5-45). and 147-3 (46.0 overs) Surrey 162 (66.3 overs; O P Stone 6-44).

Warwickshire v Sussex

Edgbaston: Sussex 156 (47.4 overs; C R Woakes 4-36). and 84-3 (23.0 overs) Warwickshire 161 (47.3 overs; S F Hunt 4-30).

DIVISION TWO

Derbyshire v Durham

Derby: Durham 283 (94.0 overs; G Clark 64, A Z Lees 63, B A Stokes 53; B Aitchison 5-70). Derbyshire 127-6 (42.0 overs).

Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 150 (59.5 overs; T W Boorman 60; B M J Allison 5-19). Worcestershire 205-7 (68.0 overs; R M Edavalath 63).

Lancashire v Northamptonshire

Old Trafford: Northamptonshire 284 (89.2 overs; G A Bartlett 92; G P Balderson 4-70). Lancashire 68-2 (23.0 overs).

Middlesex v Kent

Northwood: Kent 350 (91.3 overs; S A Northeast 87, Z Crawley 81; T S Roland-Jones 5-71). and 38-2 (10.0 overs) Middlesex 249 (55.4 overs; M E Milnes 5-53, M R Quinn 4-52).

CYCLING

LLOYDS TOUR OF BRITAIN WOMEN: Stage 3 (Mold to Great Orme (104.7km) **-** 1 K Le Court (Mauritius) AG Insurance-Soudal Team 2h 46m 10s, 2 L Lippert (Ger) Movistar Team +13s, 3 C Andersson (Swe) Liv AlUla Jayco +20, 6 L Dickson (GB) FDJ United-SUEZ +26, 11 J Nelson (GB) Team Picnic PostNL +37, 15 M Couzens (GB) Fenix-Premier Tech +51, 19 P Georgi (GB) Team Picnic PostNL +59. **Overall -** 1 Le Court 10:18:26, 2 Lippert +26, 3 L Wiebes (Ned) Team SD Worx-Protime +35, 4 Andersson at the same time, 9 Dickson +45, 11 Nelson +52, 17 Georgi +1:18.

GOLF

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RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

LEIGH (14) **62 BRADFORD** (4) **10**
Leigh - Tries: Mulhern, Brogan, Senior (2), Lam (2), Cook (2), Hanley, Ofahengaue. Goals: Cook (11).
Bradford - Tries: Blake, Peposhi. Goals: Atkin.

WIGAN (20) **26 WAKEFIELD** (0) **12**
Wigan - Tries: French, Marshall (2), Field. Goals: Keighran (5).
Wakefield - Tries: Hall, Rodwell. Goals: Jowitt (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	24	19	0	5	715	419	38
Leeds	23	18	0	5	784	346	36
Warrington	23	17	0	6	632	388	34
Wakefield	24	16	0	8	637	448	32
Leigh	24	16	0	8	570	438	32
Hull K R	23	15	0	8	688	383	30
St Helens	23	13	0	10	548	508	26
Catalans	23	9	0	14	449	691	18
Castleford	23	8	0	15	408	716	16
Toulouse	23	7	0	16	460	618	14
York	23	7	0	16	454	665	14
Hull	23	6	0	17	399	499	12
Huddsfield	23	6	0	17	401	661	12
Bradford	24	6	0	18	402	767	12

TENNIS

ATP & WTA CINCINNATI OPEN (Ohio): **Quarter-finals, Women -** I Swiatek (Pol) bt E Rybakina (Kaz) 4-1 ret; S Bejlek (Cze) bt M Keys (USA) 3-6 6-4 7-6 (7-5).

Men - F Cobolli (Ita) bt T Paul (Usa) 2-6 6-3 6-4; A Fils (Fra) bt A Tirante (Arg) 6-3 6-2.

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

Second Test match—day 1 of 5: Australia v Bangladesh (Mackay, 1am).

County Championship - Division One (day 3 of 4, 11am): Hampshire v Yorkshire (The Rose Bowl), Leicestershire v Glamorgan (Leicester), Somerset v Essex (Taunton), Surrey v Nottinghamshire (The Kia Oval), Warwickshire v Sussex (Edgbaston).

Division Two: Derbyshire v Durham (Derby), Gloucestershire v Worcestershire (Cheltenham), Lancashire v Northamptonshire (Old Trafford), Middlesex v Kent (Northwood).

CYCLING

Tour of Britain Women - Stage 4 (Llanidloes to Hay-on-Wye, 138.0km).

GOLF (all weekend)

USPGA Tour BMW Championship (Owings Mills, Maryland).

DP World Tour Nexo Championship (Trump International Golf Links, Aberdeen).

LIV Golf Indianapolis (The Club at Chatham Hills, Westfield, Indiana).

LPGA CPKC Women's Open (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada).

FORMULA 1

Dutch Grand Prix (Circuit Zandvoort).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (3.0)**:** Catalans Dragons v Hull (8.0), Hull K R v Toulouse (5.30), St Helens v Castleford.

Betfred Championship: Goole Vikings v Swinton (3.0), Newcastle v Midlands Hurricanes (4.0).

Betfred Women's Super League: Wigan Warriors v St Helens (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

International: S Africa v N Zealand (4.10).

Women's International: N Zealand v Australia (8.0).

TENNIS

Cincinnati Open (Cincinnati, Ohio).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Second Test match—day 2 of 5: Australia v Bangladesh (Mackay, 1am).

Second Test match—day 1 of 5: Sri Lanka v India (Colombo, 5.30am),

County Championship - Division One (day 4 of 4, 11am): Hampshire v Yorkshire (The Rose Bowl), Leicestershire v Glamorgan (Leicester), Somerset v Essex (Taunton), Surrey v Nottinghamshire (The Kia Oval), Warwickshire v Sussex (Edgbaston).

Division Two: Derbyshire v Durham (Derby), Gloucestershire v Worcestershire (Cheltenham), Lancashire v Northamptonshire (Old Trafford), Middlesex v Kent (Northwood).

CYCLING

Tour of Britain Women - Stage 5 (Royal Leamington Spa, 123.8km).

FORMULA 1

Dutch Grand Prix (Circuit Zandvoort).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (3.0)**:** Warrington v Huddersfield, York v Leeds.

Betfred Championship (3.0)**:** Barrow v Whitehaven, Dewsbury v Batley, Doncaster v Sheffield, Hunslet v Rochdale, London Broncos v Halifax, North Wales Crusaders v Keighley, Oldham v Salford RLFC, Widnes v Workington.

Betfred Women's Super League (12.0)**:** Barrow v Leigh, Huddersfield v Featherstone (2.0), York v Leeds.

TENNIS

Cincinnati Open (Cincinnati, Ohio).

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WTA Monterrey Open (Mexico).

CRICKET

ENGLAND

BROOT FORCE

Joe starts his second stint as skip with demolition

HE'LL KICK HIMSELF ... Riswan is bowled for a quickfire 41 in a huge victory for returning captain Root (above) while Tongue (below) shows off his fancy footwork

WIN 1st TEST

SCOREBOARD

First Test
England v Pakistan
HEADINGLEY: England beat Pakistan by an innings and 103 runs

PAKISTAN: First Innings 171
(Shafique 61, Tongue 5-46, Robinson 5-51)

ENGLAND: First Innings
(Overnight 366-8)

J Smith c Masood b Shahzad	25
J Archer not out	23
J Tongue b Shahzad	8
B4 lb10 nb7	21
Total (89.5 overs)	**409**

Fall: 36, 48, 198, 202, 322, 356, 364, 364, 392.

Bowling: Abbas 25-5-78-1, Shahzad 21.5-1-133-3, Ali 19-2-89-1, Usman 24-1-95-5.

PAKISTAN: Second Inns

A Awais c Root b Archer	9
I ul Haq c Smith b Archer	0
S Masood c Duckett b Tongue	29
A Shafique c Brook b Robinson	15
S Shakeel c Lawrence b Tongue	14
A Salman lbw Tongue	4
M Rizwan b Atkinson	41
A Usman c Cox b Robinson	7
K Shahzad c Cox b Robinson	8
M Abbas c Lawrence b Archer	6
M Ali not out	0
B2	2
Total (37.3 overs)	**135**

Fall: 0, 13, 51, 68, 73, 76, 95, 111, 131.

Bowling: Robinson 11-3-29-3, Archer 10.3-1-50-3, Atkinson 8-4-11-1, Lawrence 1-1-0-0, Tongue 7-0-43-3.

Umpires: C Gaffaney & A Paleker.

JOE ROOT'S second crack at the captaincy started with a victory so crushing that it actually proved very little.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

Yes, the quick bowlers feasted in the helpful conditions, four batsmen made half-centuries and the fielding was sharp.

But Pakistan were so woeful, so devoid of skill or application with either bat or ball – coupled with dreadful fielding – that any of the 18 county teams would have provided sterner opposition.

Probably a few county second XIs too.

A win is a win, however.

And after just one of those in his previous 18 Tests in charge, Root will be grateful for this victory.

England never looked back after Ollie Robinson dismissed Azan Awais with the first ball of the match as they triumphed by an innings and 103 runs.

They had won just **TWO** of their previous ten matches and it drew a line under the chaos of recent weeks that saw Ben Stokes quit, Brendon McCullum sacked as Test coach and confusion over curfews.

Root, 35, revealed he has been speaking to coach-in-waiting Stephen Fleming every day.

And he seemed a little more proactive and adventurous than in his previous incarnation as captain.

But when your team is dominating to the extent that England did, there is little or no pressure on any tactical decision.

Root said: "It was a brilliant performance from the very first ball, when Ollie took that wicket.

"The way we exploited conditions was excellent and, once we got ahead of the game, we managed things really well.

"We had a good tempo with the bat and were clinical with the ball again today."

Jordan Cox and Dan Lawrence did their hopes of extended runs in the team no harm.

However, Cox looked several classes above Lawrence if it comes to a straight fight between the pair.

Harry Brook, ranked No1 in the world, produced a sizzler of an innings before again missing out narrowly on a Test century on his home ground.

Root himself scored 66 and the only surprise was that he did not go on to three figures.

Josh Tongue and Robinson were the standout bowlers – sharing 16 of the 20 wickets – Tongue with 90mph velocity and Robinson with nip and accuracy.

Robinson has played two Tests this summer and been player of the match in both.

Once he shook off his Hundred hangover, Jofra Archer *(above)* found the line and length to go with his speed. Root added: "A lot of the players had come straight from The Hundred but they were quickly on track.

"That shows the clarity of their thinking and how we got our preparation right.

"This is a quality bowling group and I don't think they understand how good they are.

"They compliment each other. And with so many experienced bowlers having gone, they have stepped into that space really well.

"Jordan looked very calm and composed at No3, comfortable with his game and great to bat with.

"And Dan played in his own way really well."

England's final two wickets added a further 43 runs in the morning.

Jamie Smith was furious to sky a catch but Archer made 23 not out – including the only six of the innings – before Tongue was bowled.

England's lead was 238 runs and what happened next was entirely predictable – Pakistan's batsmen fell in a heap.

Imam-ul-Haq failed to get his gloves out of the way of an Archer lifter and Awais, after his golden duck on day one, managed just nine before glancing to Root at leg slip.

Abdullah Shafique was held at second slip while Saud Shakeel clipped to Lawrence at backward square leg. Another neat field placing by Root.

Shan Masood nicked to Ben Duckett at first slip and stand-in skipper Salman Agha was lbw to Tongue, who took three wickets in his first two overs.

Ali Usman was caught at third slip via wicketkeeper Smith's thigh and Khurram Shahzad prodded to third slip.

Mohammad Rizwan managed 41 runs from 39 balls but perished when he missed a slog at Gus Atkinson. The grim conclusion came when Mohammad Abbas skied a catch to gully.

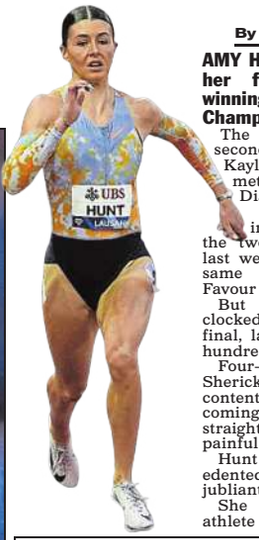
Goodness knows how Pakistan are going to compete in the Second Test at Lord's on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Root could not hide his disappointment that his home ground Headingley will not host an Ashes Test next summer.

He insisted: "I would love to play as many matches here as possible.

"It's a great Test venue with a good pitch and we've had a lot of success.

"But maybe I should stay in my lane – it's someone else's job to sort out."



White-wash for star Amy

By JAKE SANDERS

AMY HUNT was beaten on her first outing since winning FOUR European Championship golds.

The Brit, 24, came second behind USA's Kayla White in the 200 metres at the Lausanne Diamond League.

Hunt, who triumphed in the 100m, 200m and the two relays in Glasgow last week, finished with the same time as Nigeria's Favour Ofili of 22.32sec.

But Hunt *(left)*, who clocked 22.19 in the Euros final, landed silver by three hundredths of a second.

Four-time world champion Shericka Jackson was in contention but pulled up coming down the home straight with what looked a painful muscle injury.

Hunt enjoyed an unprecedented Euros in front of a jubilant home crowd.

She became the first athlete ever to win four golds at the competition and celebrated her remarkable achievement by sipping champagne and munching down KFC after Sunday's relay victory.

Yet Britain's new golden girl was unable to bring her best to Switzerland and could not stop White from claiming her first Diamond League win of her career.

But Hunt already has one eye on her upcoming challenges in the next month – including the inaugual Ultimate Championships in Budapest.

She said: "That was super exciting. It was probably ahead of what we expected from. I have to go back to my coach and see what he wrote down.

"My next 200 will be at the Diamond League final. From now until then, it's only 100s.

"The 100 will provide us a really good chance to work on that first 10 metres.

"Then when we can take that speed into the first half of the 200s, I know when I'm running 11.2s on the bend, we're looking really good.

"It's all kind of technical practice leading up to Brussels and then Budapest."

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F1 DUTCH GRAND PRIX

DIAMOND GEEZER

George designs £1m ring to wow fiancee

DIAMONDS are forever and so is George Russell's new fiancee Carmen Montero Mundt.

The Mercedes driver has lifted the lid on his breathtaking engagement to Spanish influencer Mundt over F1's summer break.

The piece de resistance of the evening was a giant, rare yellow diamond engagement ring worth around £1million.

Brit Russell, 28, revealed he helped design the jewellery and it took him nearly half a year to complete.

Snaps of the engagement and the ring sent social media into meltdown and had celebs like Jack Grealish offering their congratulations.

Russell said ahead of tomorrow's Dutch Grand Prix: "I was really excited. I really enjoyed the process of looking for the diamond, designing the ring.

"I was nervous beforehand because I didn't know what to choose or how to go about designing the right one.

"I was really happy with the job I did with the design. It's fancy, vivid, yellow, and then internally flawless, so it's a very good cut.

"I didn't go through any of the main brands. I went to somebody private who deals directly with the people who mine the diamonds.

"A lot of these big brands just put a crazy price tag on, which probably allowed me to get something even better and bigger.

"As soon as I saw it, I knew that was the one. She did make some hints though!

"I don't think there's any man in history who has bought a ring without being hinted at. But as I said, I didn't want to buy anything off the shelf."

Russell popped the question in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, an exclusive resort town on the backdrop of the French Riviera – nicknamed the 'Billionaires' Peninsula'.

Its secluded coves and dramatic cliffs make it a preferred getaway for celebrities due to its glamour, privacy and natural beauty. Russell and Mundt, 28, had even planned to keep the news of their engagement private. But someone spotted the couple and snapped a photo which could have led to the announcement leaking.

King's Lynn-born Russell added: "Let's say we are more private than most people in our position. It's very difficult to be exceptionally private.

"We debated about whether we posted about the engagement but there were some snaps of the moment taken by somebody, so we wanted it to come from us."

The couple met on a blind date in London back in 2020 after being introduced by a mutual friend.

It was just before Russell's career blew up as well as F1 itself, with Netflix's hit docuseries Drive to Survive becoming popular at the time.

Russell continued: "When we got engaged we wanted to be somewhere quiet and peaceful where we could be ourselves and cherish those moments because we live an incredible life.

"We love F1, but it is all guns blazing, full gas, place to place, jet lag in the limelight, and it's difficult to get a bit of normality in it.

"Actually, doing the engagement felt real, in a sense, whereas it almost feels like we don't live in reality.

"It was probably the first thing in my life that made me truly feel like a grown-up."

For Russell, the engagement came just when he needed it most after a chaos-strewn first half to the season.

But the British star has gone full Kevin Keegan, though, insisting, "it's not over til it's over". He currently sits in third, 59 points adrift of leader and team-mate Kimi Antonelli, and nine behind Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton in second.

Russell added: "For me, it's just taking it race by race and seeing where it takes me.

"In the back of my mind, I know the championship is there but, in the front, it's business as usual.

"That's the mentality I've had my whole career and what's brought me to the point I am today. So I don't want to change that at all."

Russell got off to a flying start in Zandvoort as he took pole in yesterday's sprint qualifying.

He joked on the team radio: "Nice one! Must be a bit lighter after that engagement ring!"

Russell narrowly edged out Lando Norris, Charles Leclerc and Oscar Piastri who took the next three positions respectively.

BIG WHEELS KEEP ON TURNING . . . Russell in action at Circuit Zandvoort yesterday

TOMORROW, 2pm, sky sports F1

YOU'RE THE F1 THAT I WANT . . . George Russell and his fiancee Carmen enjoy life on his yacht

Draper in US blow

JACK DRAPER withdrew from the US Open due to injury as his tough year continued.

The Brit, 24, needs more time in rehab after a persistent arm issue.

And World No1 Jannik Sinner, 25, is also out of the main draw due to a knee problem.

Draper's camp called it a "tough period", with the star struggling to make a consistent return to the court.

He has played just 15 matches in 2026 and has pulled out of the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon.

FURY FEARS AJ WILL KO FIGHT

TYSON FURY fears his Anthony Joshua mega fight is off.

By JACK FIGG

The Brits both signed contracts for a bout later this year.

AJ's deal states the venue must be in the UK but organisers, including streaming giant Netflix, want New York's Madison Square Garden.

Joshua's promoter Eddie Hearn is demanding a bigger fee to cover his man having to pay more tax in America.

Fury *(left)* told his seven million Instagram followers: "It doesn't look like it is going to happen, all because they have got the audacity of flea-bitten rats to ask for more money.

"Keep on running you cowards. I'll move on and fight somebody else.

"But just know you never had the guts to fight Tyson Fury, ever, you little coward."

Hearn sent an addendum to Sela, the Saudi-based company helping finance the fight, including an increased purse.

He confirmed: "By staging the fight in America, Anthony Joshua receives less money than he would do if the fight was in the UK – where he was contractually agreed."

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ARGIES' WORLD CUP RAP

BANNED OF GOD

Paredes hit by 10-game ban

ARGIE BARGY ... Paredes grabs Eric Garcia by the throat and chucks Gavi on to the ground (below)

ARGENTINA thug Leandro Paredes has been banned for TEN MATCHES – effectively ruling him out of international football for a year.

By MARTIN LIPTON

The Boca Juniors midfielder was the instigator of the post-match World Cup final skirmishes after their extra-time defeat to Spain.

Paredes threw a number of punches at Eric Garcia and Gavi as part of a series of disgraceful Argie bust-ups.

Defender Nahuel Molina also squared up to Spain ace Rodri and appeared to swing a leg at him.

And now Fifa has handed down its verdicts and slapped Argentina with a £237,000 fine for their players parading a banner claiming sovereignty over the Falklands after their last-four win over England.

The final chaos saw **FOUR** members of La Albiceleste's squad and technical staff, plus Gavi, receive bans.

Paredes, 32, found guilty of three counts of "assault", was handed the heaviest penalty, with a £66,500 fine alongside his lengthy ban.

New Roma defender Molina, 28, charged with one assault and one "attempted assault", copped a seven-match ban and the same fine.

River Plate new-boy Thiago Almada, 25, was banned for one game and fined just over £22,000, as was Gavi after the pair were found guilty of "unsporting behaviour".

Roberto Ayala, 53, part of Lionel Scaloni's coaching team who attacked Dani Olmo amid the madness, was banned for three games and also fined £22,000. In addition, they were held responsible for "team misconduct" and "discrimination and racist abuse" by their fans.

Argentina were ordered to play their next two home matches in front of only 50 per cent capacity.

However, the penalty will only be applied for their next game, with the second match suspended, as was £74,000 of the fine.

Scaloni's side have also been ordered to "invest" that £74,000 "in a plan to combat discrimination".

HAND . . . Heggebo goal

Phil VAR madness

By JAKE SANDERS

NORWICH boss Philippe Clement reckons it is "madness" there is no VAR in the Championship.

His Canaries side lost to West Brom 2-1 last weekend but the Baggies' opening goal by Aune Heggebo should have been chalked off for handball.

Heggebo has since been given a two-match ban by the FA for "successful deception of a match official" after the incident.

Clement listed 81 COUNTRIES that have leagues using use the technology when asked to comment on the goal.

The Belgian, whose side travel to Millwall today, said: "There are countries using VAR that never played in a World Cup.

"It's madness for me that there's no VAR in the Championship. This is not going to change, so it's not that everyone is going to say, 'We are going to stop with VAR'."

Earlier this year, Championship clubs rejected Football Video Support (FVS), similar to VAR.

PREM

NEWCASTLE v LIVERPOOL

TOMORROW, 4.30pm sky sports

JAISSLE . . . together

Jaissle's fanfare

By IAN MURTAGH

MATTHIAS JAISSLE claims Fortress St James' can be Newcastle's trump card this season.

The German boss is adamant the new-look Toon can defy the odds, starting with tomorrow's opener against Liverpool.

He said: "At home, anything is possible.

"I'm a big, big fan of what I have seen already and I will be an even bigger fan when I feel it on Sunday.

"There is a togetherness, that we are all in, all together. And if there is good synergy with the fans, I am 100 per cent convinced that could create this benefit and we want to use that."

Fans of both clubs will pay an emotional tribute to legend Kevin Keegan.

And Jaissle added: "What he did here you cannot really describe.

"And, of course, he was the same legend at Liverpool, so the combination is special."

Andrew Cole on Keegan
— See Goals Pages 6,7

Wing some lose some

RED ALERT . . . Iraola wants to strengthen

IRAOLA PLEA FOR SIGNINGS AS MINTEH RAID FAILS

ANDONI IRAOLA moaned "we don't have enough wingers" as he pleaded for Liverpool to make signings.

The new Reds manager is frustrated over a lack of transfer business, which was capped by Brighton last night rejecting their £60million bid for Yankuba Minteh.

Gambia wide man Minteh *(right)* has become the Kop's top target after they wasted months failing to persuade Paris Saint-Germain to slash a £135million price tag on Bradley Barcola *(below)*.

French star Barcola had been the No1 choice to fill the void left by departed superstar Mo Salah.

Spain international Victor Munoz was signed for £34.5m from Osasunsa in June to complement rising star Rio Ngumoha, 17.

But as Iraola prepared his "thin" squad for their Premier League opener at Newcastle tomorrow, he made it clear he expected to have more new faces by now.

The former Bournemouth boss said: "There are certain situations that are clear.

"Especially on the wing because we do not have enough players able to play in those positions – we don't have enough wingers.

"We will definitely sign some players. Some deals you have to wait until the end.

"But the end is the important picture – the one we will have on September 1 – because it's true we are still quite thin.

"As a manager, it's easy. I want the players here on July 13.

"But this is how it works – the market is open. We have to adapt to this but we have good players here already."

Salah and long-serving full-back Andy Robertson both left Anfield on free transfers in the summer.

England midfielder Curtis Jones, 25, has also departed for £30m to Inter Milan.

Meanwhile, Iraola has named goalkeeper Alisson, Joe Gomez and Dominik Szoboszlai as vice-captains to club skipper Virgil van Dijk.

But Alisson will not take the armband in Van Dijk's absence.

Iraola explained "If something happens in the opposition box, the referee has to explain the decisions to the captains.

"They are putting the rules in a way that there are a lot of disadvantages to having a keeper as a captain.

"I wanted Ali to feel like we value him and explained the decision about the armband."

By KEN LAWRENCE

Karren Brady

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So silly to bite hand that feeds the rest

PREM RICHES IN SPOTLIGHT BUT WEALTH FILTERS DOWN

ON THE MONEY . . . Mikel Arteta's Arsenal are champions but football at all levels reaps huge benefits from the riches of the Premier League

EVERYONE seems to think the Premier League has too much money, too much power and too much influence.

And, apparently, it is all getting terribly unfair. Funny that.

Because there is another way of looking at the Premier League's wealth and power. It is the reason an awful lot of the rest of English football has any money at all.

I have spent more than 30 years in football, much of that time as a Premier League executive and shareholder sitting around the table when the arguments about money, governance, distribution and the future of the game were being had.

So, I have seen the Premier League from the inside. It is not perfect but it's close to it.

Yet I do find it rather strange that we spend so much time complaining about the Prem's success while simultaneously asking it to pay for everyone else.

You cannot have it both ways.

The Premier League committed £1.6billion to the wider game and communities from 2022 to 2025.

In 2024-25 alone, more than £550 million went beyond the English top-flight itself.

More than half a billion pounds. In one season.

That money reaches all 92 Premier League and EFL clubs, all 72 National League clubs, women's and girls' football, grassroots football and communities.

Since 2000, more than 1,000 clubs have benefited from the Premier League Stadium Fund to the tune of more than £200m.

This isn't a league sitting in a vault counting its money while the rest of football picks over the crumbs. It is the golden goose everyone appears determined to tell off for laying golden eggs.

There are real arguments about how the money should be distributed.

Should the EFL receive more? Almost certainly worth discussing.

Are parachute payments right? Debate away.

Is the competitive balance perfect? Of course not.

Does the Premier League have too much influence? That's a legitimate question.

But if we are going to have those arguments, let's at least start with the inconvenient truth.

The Premier League's success is funding a huge part of the game beneath it. And this is where the comparison with Fifa comes in.

I have heard the Premier League compared to Fifa – an organisation supposedly interested primarily in money, power and protecting its own interests. Really? Let's look at what each actually does.

The Premier League has to run football every week.

Not a five-week tournament every four years. **EVERY WEEK**.

Players such as Elliot Anderson *(right)* need to be paid. Managers have to be paid. Coaches, doctors, analysts, academy staff, everyone else needed to put on the world's most commercially successful domestic football competition need to be paid.

And then there is the small matter of the players . . . they don't play for free.

Premier League clubs scout them, sign them, develop them, train them and pay them.

They carry the enormous cost of producing the football product that everybody else wants a piece of. Even Fifa.

When international football comes calling, clubs must release their players when the regulations require it.

There is no polite conversation along the lines of 'would you mind letting us borrow your £100m player for a few weeks?

The answer, effectively, is: hand him over.

The club keeps paying him. Fifa gets the player and Fifa compensates the club, but to what level? Let's look at the numbers.

For the 2026 World Cup, Fifa's Club Benefits Programme has a headline value of $355million – that is about £260m.

Sounds enormous . . . until you put it beside the cost of actually running a Premier League club.

Of that Fifa figure, $100m is allocated to clubs releasing players for World Cup qualifying matches while $250m relates to clubs whose players participate in the finals.

The remaining $5m is reserved for programme administration and 'other purposes' – which is wonderfully vague.

What purposes? Your guess is probably as good as mine.

That entire Fifa pot is distributed around the world's clubs.

Manchester City's 2024-25 accounts showed that £355.4m was spent on wages and salaries alone.

So Fifa's $100m qualifying pot is less than a third of City's annual wages.

One club. One year. That puts the financial burden of producing football into perspective.

Fifa does not pay the club wages of the players it uses for international football. The clubs do.

And that is why the comparison is worth making.

Not because Fifa and the Premier League are the same – they plainly aren't. But because it exposes how simplistic the accusation against the Prem can be.

Premier League money doesn't just disappear into Premier League pockets. It pays for the product.

And then a huge amount of it goes back into football. That is why I find the constant outrage about Premier League power slightly curious.

If you want less Premier League money, fine. But understand what that means.

Less money for the EFL and National League. Less money for grassroots facilities, for women's football and the communities that benefit from Prem funding.

The Premier League is not a charity. It is a highly successful business. But its commercial success is the engine that allows it to make such a substantial contribution to the rest of the game.

You cannot keep attacking the golden goose and then complain when the eggs get smaller.

And you certainly cannot accuse it of being interested only in money while simultaneously putting out your begging bowl.

Of course, the Premier League is interested in money. It would be spectacularly badly run if it wasn't.

The difference is what it does with that money.

After more than three decades in football, including many years sitting around the Premier League table as a shareholder, I have seen clubs fight fiercely for their own interests.

Of course they do. Football is a business.

But I have also watched the Premier League become the most successful football competition in the world.

And its success created a financial engine that reaches far beyond the 20 clubs actually playing in it.

So, by all means challenge the Premier League.

But let's stop pretending its success is somehow the problem. For a huge part of English football, it is the solution.

And if you want to compare it with Fifa, do so. But just remember one thing.

The Premier League doesn't get its money from nowhere. It earns it.

It pays the players. It carries the risk. It puts on the show. And then it gives away an extraordinary amount of its success.

So perhaps the question shouldn't be: Why is the Premier League so powerful? Perhaps it should be: What would English football look like without its money?

I suspect a lot of the people complaining about the Premier League's power would rather not find out.

Alvaro in no rush

By ANDREW DILLON

ALVARO ARBELOA called for patience from Fulham fans as he kicks off a brand new era as boss.

The Spaniard, 43, will face Chelsea, Manchester United and Liverpool in the first month since taking over from Marco Silva.

Ahead of Monday's derby against the Blues, now managed by his old Real Madrid team-mate Xabi Alonso, he said: "It's a new era, new ideas and a new manager so we will need time. We have a very difficult task ahead of us.

"This month won't define our season, it's about the work we do every day."

EMERY PLANS TO NICK NICO

NICOLAS JACKSON could be the subject of a two-way fight between Atletico Madrid and Aston Villa.

By DAN KING

Villa boss Unai Emery fears he could lose striker Ollie Watkins.

And Chelsea forward Jackson *(left)*, who played under the Spaniard at Villarreal, is a prime candidate to replace him.

Atletico have been in talks about a loan with an option to buy – but Blues want a £65million sale.

Meanwhile, Chelsea centre-half Axel Disasi was given permission for a medical ahead of a loan switch to Crystal Palace.

And Chelsea's Landon Emenalo, 18, is close to a season-long move to Celtic.

The Blues will also have Champions League football at Stamford Bridge – by hosting Shakhtar Donetsk.

The Ukrainian champions are set to play their 'home' games in the competition in London after being exiled from their country by the ongoing war with Russia.

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6 Birmingham v Bristol City 12.30
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Newcastle v Liverpool (Sky Sports Main Event) ... 4.30

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West Brom v Burnley (Sky Sports Main Event).....12.0

LA LIGA

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PREM

BRENTFORD v SPURS

5.30PM sky sports

CASH 'N CARRY . . . De Zerbi is targeting a CL spot after spending spree

Light at the spend of the tunnel

BUYS GIVE RDZ TOP-4 VIBES

BOSS Roberto De Zerbi believes this summer's huge transfer splurge can put Tottenham on the path back to challenging for the Champions League spots.

By TOM BARCLAY

The Italian has been granted an unprecedented sum to overhaul the squad after back-to-back 17th-placed finishes, to ensure they are not battling relegation again.

Sandro Tonali, Mateus Fernandes and Jan Paul van Hecke were signed for £237million.

Yesterday Spurs were close to an £85m deal for Manchester City winger Savinho *(below right)*. His City team-mate Omar Marmoush *(below)* and another forward could also join.

De Zerbi, whose side head to Brentford for tonight's Prem opener, said: "This moment is crucial because after two seasons we have to change the mood, completely change it, give a boost.

"When we have finished in this transfer market, for a long time we don't need many things and we can work all together in the right direction to build something special or to compete for the top of the table.

"We know we have to improve – but we have the qualities to do it."

Spurs' previous transfer record was the £65m on striker Dominic Solanke in 2024, yet they are buying big now and offering better wages, too.

When asked about the eye-watering fees, De Zerbi said: "In the market you can't say if it's fair or not, but if you want to compete in the Premier League you have to adapt.

"I've heard too many times 'Tottenham money', 'Tottenham money', but I loved football for a long time and I didn't see any team competing for the high level without spending money.

"Is Tottenham spending money a problem in the Premier League? I don't know why, all the other teams have spent money."

Spurs looked doomed when De Zerbi took over on March 31 – and many within football were hoping they would lose their status as a Prem ever-present. He used that gleeful schadenfreude as motivation for his players to beat the drop.

And he will do so again this term as he ensures his squad never forget how close they came to humiliation.

He said: "I don't know why the people don't love it if Tottenham becomes better. It's one motivation more for us.

"Last season, all the other clubs wanted to kill us."

Spurs have also signed freebie defenders Andy Robertson and Marcos Senesi plus goalkeeper Martin Dubravka.

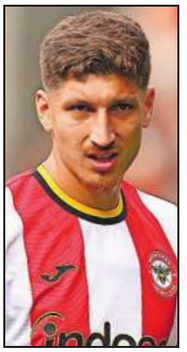
Midfielder Lucas Bergvall, 20, had asked to leave earlier this summer but De Zerbi revealed: "He wants to stay."

De Zerbi has named Micky van de Ven as captain following the sale of Cristian Romero to Atletico Madrid – along with **FOUR** deputies.

Although the Dutch centre-back misses this opener as he is not fit, as does World Cup winner and new vice-captain Pedro Porro.

Ben Davies, James Maddison and 20-year-old Archie Gray are also in the team of captains.

De Zerbi added: "Why five captains? Just because I want many captains on the pitch."



JANELT . . . 'bloodied'

ATTACK HEROES PRAISED

KEITH ANDREWS hailed Brentford stars Vitaly Janelt and Kevin Schade for stepping in to thwart a racist attack.

By ANDREW DILLON

A 63-year-old man was this week convicted of racially abusing a security guard in west London in March.

Janelt and Schade intervened as they were heading home after Brentford's away game at Leeds and the two players were left "bloodied" following the incident in Richmond.

Both players are set to face Tottenham in their Prem opener this evening and Bees boss Andrews said: "I was aware of it the next morning, pretty early.

"The way our players behaved was very, very understandable and in a protective way around a very unsavoury incident it's fair to say, without going into too much detail.

"I'm comfortable with how our players behaved and conducted themselves and it doesn't really surprise me.

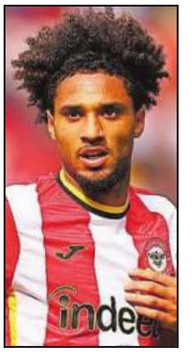
"We've got a multicultural dressing room here and I've said this on numerous occasions that what makes us very special is underlying respect for where everybody comes from, regardless of religion or beliefs.

"So when something happens like this it doesn't surprise me."

Andrews also hailed £39million record buy Mamadou Sangare, 24, for snubbing the Champions League big bucks to join Bees from French runners-up Lens.

He said: "I'd never recommend a player make a decision purely around finances, certainly at this stage of his career.

"We've seen closely what he could do at Lens in different positions. He complements really well what we already have."



SCHADE . . . stepped in

PREM

BRIGHTON v A VILLA

TOMORROW, 2PM sky sports

CARRICK . . . foundation

BACK

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teams over the years, all the great teams, the spine is really strong.

"So we're conscious of that and I think we've got a good spine right now.

"The foundation of the team has to be consistent — through one game from start to finish — and over a period of time.

"You need that solid foundation through the middle of the team. We are in a good place."

Carrick has brought in £35m Tielemans, 29, and 22-year-old Andrey Santos in a deal worth £50m.

The signing of Cameroon star Baleba would complete an exciting £155m midfield rebuild following Casemiro's exit.

United have missed out on main targets as rivals Manchester City splashed out £116m on Elliot Anderson, while Tottenham forked out £85m on West Ham's Mateus Fernandes.

Carrick added: "We're delighted with the two we have brought in.

"Two fantastic players who offer us different things. For the value, we feel we've done very well."

NO SUMMER OLLIE-DAY

Wat getaway won't fly with Unai

STAY FOR THE BADGE . . . Villa boss Unai Emery says he wants to keep Saudi target Ollie Watkins

UNAI EMERY wants to keep striker Ollie Watkins at Aston Villa beyond this summer — but refused to guarantee it.

By GRAHAM HILL

And the Villa chief revealed keeper Emi Martinez *(right)* has wanted out for over a **YEAR**.

England man Watkins, 30, has been offered a new four-year deal but is being chased hard by Al-Hilal.

Villa rejected a fourth bid of £45million from the Saudis — though £50m could be enough for Villa chiefs to let him go.

Ahead of tomorrow's Prem opener at Brighton, Emery said: "I don't want to sell him, but it can change if it's good for him and the club, and I can replace him.

"We still believe in him. We'll see what happens."

Four players have already left Villa Park – Morgan Rogers, Ezri Konsa, Youri Tielemans and Lucas Digne – with Watkins and Martinez potentially the next packing their bags.

Argie Martinez, 33, has already been replaced by Zion Suzuki and is in limbo after his planned move to Juventus collapsed.

Emery added: "Martinez transmitted to us the possibility to have another challenge, not just now, but even last year. But the scenario now is that we have two great goalkeepers."

DAVID . . . goal machine

I Promise he'll score

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

BRIGHTON boss Fabian Hurzeler says his new striker has "goals in his body and in his mind."

Promise David, 25, is on loan from Union Saint Gilloise of Belgium after the Canada hitman netted 41 goals in 82 games.

There is an obligation to buy if targets are reached and Hurzeler said: "He's a very positive character, that's the first impression.

"Second of all, a goal-scorer. He has goals in his body and in his mind.

"He proved he is capable of scoring a lot of goals. It's something we definitely wanted to have."

David will try to fill the void left by Danny Welbeck's move to Chelsea.

Hurzeler added: "We've added a different profile but that's exactly what we wanted, so now it's about giving the time to adapt and hopefully he can play a part on Sunday."

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Maresca's not a serial winner so Arsenal can go back-to-back like Rory at The Masters

RASH LOOKS DANGEROUS ...TO UNITED!

THERE is a lot of excitement around Marcus Rashford being back in a Manchester United shirt.

But I reckon it is a dangerous thing to be adding back into the club's cultural reset.

The Red Devils had a decent run under Michael Carrick last season and, in midfield at least, have done some decent business this summer.

But now, back comes the problem everyone wanted to get rid of 18 months ago.

The line we're being sold is, actually, it was all down to Ruben Amorim.

But since that almighty falling out with the former manager, Rashford has been to Aston Villa, who did not take him beyond their loan, before the same thing happened at Barcelona.

And now the what-to-do-about-Marcus issue lands with Carrick. Because, in reality, the problem is Rashford.

He is the problem in terms of attitude, application and inconsistency.

That's where I see a real sticking point because this notion that Rashford will be happy sitting on the bench behind Matheus Cunha or whoever, or happy to play League Cup games, to me is **CRAZY**.

United are trying to reshape the club, not spending huge fees on individuals.

They have signed a group of players who feel it is unbelievable to be playing at Old Trafford for Manchester United.

You've got all these guys who are buzzing to be there, and then you're going to have this entitled kid who thinks 'Yeah, I've been here, I've done it, you owe me a favour'.

And he's also on more than double their salary, you would imagine. That never works well.

Rashford, 28, showed some great form at the end of last season as he won LaLiga with Barca.

But do you know why that is? Because he had the World Cup there.

Look through his career. When we had the Euros, he had a good time. When we had the last World Cup, before that he had a good time.

It's the spaces between – which is what they're going into now.

So where's the motivation?

It would actually be better for United if he had only one year left on his contract, instead of two.

Then he would have the mentality to grind through and get a massive deal at the end of it, or the move he wants.

It feels like a problem waiting to explode.

WIDE OF THE MARC . . . United ace Rashford has to prove himself

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Troy Deeney

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF FOOTBALL

DOES anyone know where this idea Enzo Maresca is a serial winner has come from?

There seems to be a feeling that Manchester City have appointed a Chosen One with a track record to lead them into the post-Pep Guardiola era.

Maresca? A winner?

He cannot even be called a top coach yet. There is very little evidence to back any of this up.

I watched an awful lot of his Leicester side and even when they were winning the Championship the fans were booing – and indifferent when he joined Chelsea.

Many Blues players may have been upset when the Italian left Stamford Bridge on New Year's Day but he never truly won over the fanbase in west London.

Some will cry that, after winning the Conference League, he went on to beat Paris Saint-Germain in last year's Club World Cup final.

Yeah, he did. Fair play. They were brilliant that day and I was there to see it in person. But, compared to a Champions League meeting, that was Mickey Mouse.

I was also there for Brighton at home when Chelsea lost 3-1 and had a player sent off on their way to breaking all the wrong records for cards in a season.

Maresca had a poor disciplinary record, terrible injury record and his teams are always so open.

That was evident in Cardiff for last Sunday's Community Shield, when Arsenal made keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma look like me in goal as they ran away 3-0 winners.

They were not even giving him an opportunity to try and make saves.

It was just one-on-ones from four yards out, six yards out.

When Martin Odegaard can chop you and roll it into the net, that's a level of p***-take you don't want.

A big issue which could cause City problems is that Maresca does all his work in the wrong areas of the pitch.

We can all agree, whatever level we play at, that the two boxes are where games are decided.

You need a great goalkeeper and hope to have a killer striker, which City do have at both ends. But Maresca does all his work between the boxes and at times his teams play wonderful stuff – but not where it matters.

It feels like he always wants the perfect goal, rather than trusting or even signing killers in the middle who know when to flick the switch and mix things up.

Signings are a concern, too.

Watching Rodri walk out to Barcelona for £51million upfront – with Bernardo Silva already gone to Real Madrid on a free – and then seeing them linked with Chelsea pair Enzo Fernandez and Pedro Neto is a massive concern.

I worry for City this year.

With a lot of the big teams in transition, it feels like they are the most likely ones to suffer a big dip.

But we know it won't be Maresca's fault, don't we?

His ego will not allow him to follow the Arne Slot model from year one at Liverpool.

Slot went in and saw something that was not broken but maybe needed a couple of tweaks here and there.

But Maresca will go in and feel we all think he's Pep 2.0.

He will think, 'I'm gonna show them I can do it my way'. That ignores the fact that everything he did, he learned off that fella anyway.

It took time to bring the title but Mikel Arteta took the principles from Pep and tweaked them in his own way, adding a far more solid and physical backline.

And now Arsenal stand as clear favourites to defend their Premier League title.

They have ticked that massive mental box and I see it as like golfer Rory McIlroy at The Masters.

Rory took so long to get that Masters win and then he goes and does it back-to-back.

Now you're going, 'Who's gonna take it off him?'.

That's how I see Arsenal. Who's gonna take it off them?

Away from City, Chelsea are an unknown quantity, Manchester United are an unknown quantity, Liverpool too – all the traditional challengers are in transition again.

A lot of my family are Gooners and are already talking about how much of a challenge this season will be.

Stuff that. They should all be peacocking a little bit, chest out, 'We're the governors'.

Embrace that arrogance!

NEW MAN . . . Maresca gives instructions to his City stars

MY TIPS FOR THE SEASON

TITLE WINNERS
Arsenal

BOTTOM THREE
18th Fulham
19th Ipswich
20th Hull

GOLDEN BOOT
Alexander Isak

Enzo eyeing up fast start

By KATHERINE WALSH

ENZO MARESCA has warned his Manchester City stars there is zero room for a slow start — while brushing off talk of squad chaos.

The Etihad is bracing for a chaotic transfer merry-go-round, with several exits and arrivals expected either side of Maresca's first Prem opener as Blues boss against Bournemouth tomorrow.

Yet the Italian, 46, claims he is unfazed by squad disruption, insisting City are ready to hit the ground running.

He said: "It's clear there are major changes with the manager and players.

"We are a club that cannot wait for time to compete. We need to compete from day one."

City are set to lose two forwards if Egyptian Omar Marmoush follows Brazilian Savinho out the exit door to Tottenham.

Maresca said: "Savinho was clear from the first day that he wanted to leave. Omar was not.

"I'm not worried, I'm not concerned. We know exactly what we need moving forward. We are working with the sporting director and the club. There are ten or 11 days to go and many things can happen."

City are closing in on an £85m move for 18-year-old midfielder Ayyoub Bouaddi from Lille, following a rebuffed approach for Crystal Palace's Adam Wharton.

Elliot Anderson's eye-watering £116m arrival from Nottingham Forest is Maresca's marquee summer signing.

Club legend and Spain World Cup winner Rodri has left after seven years and 11 trophies, with City accepting Barcelona's £65m offer with one year left on his deal.

Bernardo Silva, John Stones, Tijjani Reijnders, Manuel Akanji, Nathan Ake and James Trafford have all left the club following Pep Guardiola's resignation in May.

Maresca added: "We have a good squad. It's not an excuse, it's context, when you make many changes, not only the manager.

"It's a big change but it does not mean we are not going to be ready to compete. We need to be ready to compete.

"The reason why I'm here is because I want to win titles and to carry on what this club has done for the last 15 years."

Jeremy Doku *(above)* will miss the first three weeks of the season after picking up a calf injury in the 3-0 Community Shield defeat to Prem champions Arsenal.

Man City v B'Mouth
Tomorrow, 2pm sky sports

Rose in bloom

By GRAHAM NICKLESS

MARCO ROSE insists Bournemouth are no longer a small-town club punching above their Prem weight.

Cherries' new German boss booted away any talk of them being the top-flight's "underdogs" before a trip to Manchester City tomorrow.

Last season the Prem's smallest club qualified for Europe for the first time after finishing sixth under old boss Andoni Iraola.

Ex-Borussia Dortmund and RB Leipzig chief Rose *(left)*, 49, said: "Bournemouth may be a small town but many people in Europe know about us now. I feel the team is respected.

"Maybe we are not the underdog any more but we have to know that everyone tries to beat us because we're hard to play. That's why we're playing in Europe.

"We go to Manchester wanting to win the game."

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HUNGRY . . . Konsa greets fans last night

Out to win Ezri-thing

By SIMON COLLINGS

EZRI KONSA is "hungry" for trophies with Arsenal after getting a taste for silverware at Aston Villa.

The England defender was presented to fans ahead of last night's Premier League opener with Coventry – after joining the champions for an initial £51million plus £4m in add-ons.

Konsa, 28, has signed a four-year contract at the Emirates with an option for a further 12 months.

Having helped Villa win last season's Europa League, he is dreaming of more honours after his big move.

Konsa said: "That's what I'm here for, to win, I'm hungry for more.

"I had a taste of it last season with the Europa League – and now I want to go for it all.

"I'm excited to get going at Arsenal and can't wait to get started.

"I want to keep winning, I'm hungry for it."

Konsa hopes to be part of a trophy parade around north London in May after seeing the scenes this summer.

He added: "I will do everything in my power to continue bringing success to this club."

The deal sees Konsa added to Arsenal's clutch of England players.

Along with Bukayo Saka, Declan Rice, Eberechi Eze and Noni Madueke, he featured in their run to the World Cup semi-finals this summer.

Those Three Lions pals promised Konsa he would love life at the Emirates.

He revealed: "They said it's very enjoyable, they said I'll like it.

"I've got a good relationship and I'm looking forward to training with them and playing with them."

The Gunners made their move for Konsa after regular centre-back William Saliba aggravated a back issue at the World Cup that will keep the Frenchman out for a few months.

Konsa could make his debut at his old club when the Gunners head to Villa Park a week on Monday.

SAKA

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Emirates debut and got a massive cheer when he was substituted.

Arteta's men were completely dominant in the opening game of the new season as he celebrated his 150th Prem victory as a manager.

The Spaniard, 44, is the fifth boss to achieve that feat in fewer than 250 games — joining a stellar list of Pep Guardiola, Jose Mourinho, Jurgen Klopp and Sir Alex Ferguson.

Frank Lampard's Sky Blues, in their first game at this level for 25 years, only had one shot on target in the 86th minute from substitute Jack Rudoni.

Midfielder Odegaard, 27, who has already equalled his Prem tally from the whole of last season, said: "The first game of the season is always a bit nervy. They gave us a good battle.

"We controlled the game after the first goal and created a lot of chances. It was solid. We looked good.

"We could have scored more — been sharper in and around the box. But the quality in the squad is unbelievable.

"Last season was a big struggle for me, I had too many injuries and bad luck."

A sudden

CHAMPS LIVE UP TO MIK'S TITLE CRY BY GIVING COV A PUMPING

BUK IN BUSINESS . . . Saka doubles the champions' lead as they make a flying start to the season

STRONG START . . . boss Mikel Arteta celebrates win

MIKEL ARTETA is adamant that his Arsenal side are not "defending" their Premier League crown but "attacking" another title.

Although this was the latest example of Arteta-speak, it does sort of make sense after they were criticised for last term's pragmatic approach.

The Spaniard looks a different person now the weight has been lifted after guiding Arsenal to a first title in 22 years.

And his players look even hungrier to keep hold of the trophy.

Having thrashed Manchester City 3-0 in the Community Shield five days earlier, they enjoyed an effortless opening-night win over promoted Coventry – last season's Championship winners.

By **CHARLIE WYETT**

Kai Havertz, Bukayo Saka and Martin Odegaard scored in a straightforward victory, with Frank Lampard's team always likely to suffer a rough night.

The result gives us absolutely no idea how Coventry – back in the top flight after 25 years – will get on this season.

Yet this was an instant, brutal lesson in what happens when you lose the ball cheaply in defence or your keeper makes errors, as Carl Rushworth did on a couple of occasions.

These are obviously early days but, if Arsenal's first two displays are anything to go by – which includes that win over City in Cardiff – the handbrake is clearly off as they played with both freedom and real menace.

It looks as though Arteta is even letting the players enjoy themselves, which was not always the case.

What also helps is the club have recruited well, so the Gunners look even stronger.

New arrival Ezri Konsa, a terrific signing, was unveiled before the game following his £51million move from Aston Villa – while there was also a huge cheer for £34m winger Christos Tzolis, who had a hand in

4 ARSENAL have won each of their four Premier League openers as reigning champions — Forest in 1998-99 (h 2-1), Birmingham in 2002-03 (h 2-0), Everton (a 4-1) in 2004-05 and last night (h 3-0).

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ONLY Manchester United have a higher win rate in opening games in Prem history than reigning league champs Arsenal.

	Man Utd	ARSENAL	Chelsea	Liverpool	Man City
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GAMES	34	35	34	34	29

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8	CORNERS	2
10	FOULS CONCEDED	13
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GIVING 'EM THE KAI BLUES . . . Havertz steers Arsenal ahead after 15 minutes against promoted Coventry

LAUGHING MATTER . . . Odegaard chuckles as his mishit effort trickles in

the first two Gunners goals. Bruno Guimaraes is the showpiece signing but a groin injury means the Brazil midfielder must wait before appearing in the Premier League for Arteta.

While many Arsenal fans are still dreaming of another big arrival in attack, it seems that Julian Alvarez is unlikely to happen, certainly at this stage, and a few players could be leaving north London.

So even if they do not sign anyone else, Arsenal fans should not be greedy and instead, be happy with what they have got.

Coventry took until the 86th minute to register an effort on target, through sub Jack Rudoni's header – but regardless, we should salute their remarkable rise.

On the corresponding weekend nine years ago, they lost 1-0 at home to Newport in League Two.

Lampard *(below)* has spent about £130m on nine players but only four started – and keeper Rushworth and Frank Onyeka were on loan from Prem sides last term.

Former Frankfurt defender Aurele Amenda featured at centre-back while former Burnley winger Loum Tchaouna was out wide on the right and the team will have been glad to get off the pitch without a humiliation.

It did not help them that Arsenal started with a real swagger.

It is interesting that Havertz once again started ahead of former Coventry striker Viktor Gyokeres.

The German did not have a great season as he was injured for half of last term and spent a lot of time on the bench, making only seven league starts.

Havertz's frustration at that situation was noticeable. But he started the Champions League final and has got this season off to a flier, following up his goal against City with the first of the Prem campaign in the 15th minute.

Tzolis – who had a goal-bound shot blocked by Bobby Thomas – lost the ball then won it back and found Riccardo Calafiori.

He produced a bobbling pass to Havertz who, as a result, did not manage the cleanest of strikes but it was still enough.

Arsenal's second was a gift from Rushworth, who has just completed a £22.5m move from Brighton after spending last season on loan at the Sky Blues from Brighton.

Some in the goalkeeping community believe he could become one of Thomas Tuchel's top three keepers in the England squad but he will have to do better than this.

He pushed a deflected Tzolis cross into the path of Saka, who netted an easy chance, although Declan Rice deserves all the credit for a surging run.

Rushworth will also be angry with himself for failing to stop Odegaard making it 3-0 four minutes into the second half.

But he was caught out by the fact the Arsenal skipper mishit his shot after a pass from Ben White.

The ball squirmed apologetically into the net but Odegaard did not care. Hilariously, he has now equalled his entire Premier League tally from last season.

And the way he is playing, he could also score quite a few more because he, too, looks a different player from the one who struggled with form and injury.

This season has continued where the last one left off for Arsenal, though – and the rest of the Premier League should be afraid. Very afraid.

HOW THEY LINED UP

ARSENAL: Raya, White, Mosquera, Gabriel, Calafiori (Hincapie 81), Lewis-Skelly, Rice (Zubimendi 68), Saka (Madueke 68), Odegaard (Merino 76), Tzolis (Eze 76), Havertz.

COVENTRY: Rushworth, Van Ewijk, Thomas, Amenda, Dasilva, Grimes, Tchaouna (Hamer 82), Yirenkyi (Torp 62), Onyeka, Thomas-Asante (Rudoni 70), Simms (Awoniyi 70).

150 GUNNERS' boss Mikel Arteta has now won **150** of his 249 Prem games in charge — only the fifth manager to reach 150 victories in fewer than 250 games in the PL, after Pep Guardiola (204), Jose Mourinho (231), Jurgen Klopp (237) and Sir Alex Ferguson (247).

NEXT GAMES
Arsenal MON AUG 31 8PM Premier Lge Aston Villa (away)
COVENTRY CITY TUE 7.45PM Carabao Cup, 2nd rd Plymouth (away)

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They're Back

By SIMON COLLINGS

ARSENAL kicked off their Premier League title defence with an opening-night stroll.

Kai Havertz put Mikel Arteta's champions ahead after quarter of an hour before Bukayo Saka's 23rd-minute finish doubled the lead.

Gunners captain Martin Odegaard made it 3-0 four minutes after the interval with his first top-flight strike of 2026 against newly-promoted Coventry.

England winger Saka, 24, said: "This is the Arsenal we want to see this season."

Summer signing Christos Tzolis was involved in the first two goals on his

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SAKA & CHAMPS START CAMPAIGN WITH EASY WIN

GUNNS FIRING . . . Saka and Odegaard (left) hail their goals

BALEBA . . . medical

Carrick's Utd have backbone

Hull v Man Utd

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By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

MICHAEL CARRICK thinks Manchester United now have a "good spine" as he eyes a Prem title assault.

And that backbone will be strengthened by £70million Carlos Baleba.

United's second bid of £65m plus £5m in add-ons has been accepted by Brighton.

Baleba, 22, is set for his medical in Manchester today — despite being out with an ankle injury.

The Red Devils aim to challenge for a first Prem crown since 2013.

Boss Carrick has added midfielder Youri Tielemans to his spine of keeper Senne Lammens, centre-back Harry Maguire and skipper Bruno Fernandes.

Ahead of today's opener at Hull, Carrick said: "If you look at all the top

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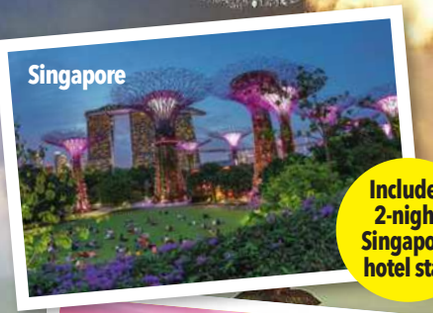

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Bacio smokes them

IT was third time lucky for Wesley Ward as wacky Bacio blitzed them from the front in the Nunthorpe Stakes.

The American has come close to winning York's big sprint twice before with Acapulco in 2015 and Lady Aurelia two years later.

But the rapid Bacio (*right*) made no mistake under Juan Hernandez, sparking wild celebrations over in Kentucky.

Ward said: "I got this race off my bucket list.

By JACK KEENE at York

I thought the great Frankie Dettori, when he stood up and he put his whip in the air on Lady Aurelia, I thought maybe we got it, but it was so close and we got beat.

"So to finally get this great race knocked off the list, at a prestigious meeting, it's a huge deal."

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AID PLAYS A GIANT HAND

AIDAN O'BRIEN'S Giant Sequoia could shorten up as the 2027 Derby favourite today. The huge two-year-old is already the market leader for Epsom's Classic next season and heads the betting for the Group 2 Futurity at the Curragh.

Eve to Zav a good go

By JACK KEENE

EVE JOHNSTON HOUGHTON is expecting big things from her Zav-a-go hero.

Group 1 winner Zavateri (*below*) has had an injury-disrupted campaign but shaped with promise on his first run for nearly four months at Glorious Goodwood in the Sussex.

He drops down in trip to seven furlongs for the City Of York Stakes (3.00), and his trainer fancies him to go close now he's got a run under his belt.

She said: "I think he was a bit ring-rusty and he had a good blow at Goodwood. He has come on a bundle since and I couldn't be happier with him at home.

"I can't see any reason why he won't run well at York.

"It's all systems go. I'm looking forward to it and think he'll run a big race."

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HOT TARR

In-form Andy and Colin can put bookies in sticky situation

THE bookies fear a Tarr-ific end to an already brilliant week for Andrew Balding and Colin Keane at York.

By JACK KEENE

Balding and Keane have been on fire, winning the two feature Group 1s at the meeting with **Item** and **Kalpana**.

And today they team up with major Ebor contender **Tarriance**, who has been right up near the head of the betting for weeks.

He won by a nose in the Melrose Handicap, the three-year-old's equivalent of the Ebor, 12 months ago.

And he has been pretty highly tried since then, finishing a close third in a Group 2 in Saudi Arabia before finishing fifth in the Yorkshire Cup back in May.

Balding gave him a break after that in order to keep him fresh for today's £500,000 race, and he was pleased with his comeback run in a hot handicap under a big weight at Glorious Goodwood.

Balding, who had a huge 1,832-1 four-timer on Thursday and was on the scoreboard again yesterday, said: "I thought he ran an excellent race last time. He'd been off the track for a bit because we were saving him for this.

"It was very much an intended break. We got him up early to go to Saudi in the winter and he then ran well in the Yorkshire Cup, I thought.

"We decided, having won the Melrose last year, that this was his primary target and we couldn't have been happier with his prep run or how he's come out of it."

FLYING FORM . . . Tarriance goes for red-hot Andrew Balding (*below right*) and Colin Keane (*left*)

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NO gloating, but behind closed doors a certain warm smile of satisfaction.

I'm sure that's how the late Prince Khalid Abdullah would have received his brilliant pair of York winners Item and Kalpana on the Knavesmire this week.

Abdullah's pink, green and white silks have been carried by some of the sport's most treasured names, including Known Fact, Rainbow Quest, Dancing Brave, Kingman, dual Arc heroine Enable, Breeders' Cup Classic romper Arrogate and, for most, the greatest horse of all time in the unbeaten Frankel.

On Wednesday it was a son of Frankel who snatched the week's feature Group 1 International Stakes, sponsored by Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms.

And on Thursday, Kalpana's Yorkshire Oaks victory brought back memories of another Abdullah star as the rocket 2,000 Guineas winner from 1993, Zafonic, is in her family line.

Frankel landed the 2012 International, as did the operation's Twice Over in 2011. Both were trained by Sir Henry Cecil.

Prince Ahmed, a son of Abdullah, was on hand to greet Item and Kalpana.

I spoke to him on ITV after the latter's success but was lucky enough to catch a rare and private

Ready to Rock 'n roll with Wathnan stayer

chat with him following Item's last-gasp flourish and wondered how much his father would have enjoyed the continued Juddmonte legacy.

"My father was a very reserved man, and you don't see him emotional," Prince Ahmed explained.

"But when we were in private his smile was as wide as it could ever come.

"I have seen him at many joyful occasions but whenever his horse won a big race like this one it makes the whole week for him.

"We as children would take advantage of that!"

When Abdullah passed away in 2021 there were rumours that Juddmonte Farms would be wound up, that perhaps his sons were not so bitten by the racing bug.

But the reality has been nothing like that.

Things may well be run a little differently, but racing fans can be assured the colours they have grown to adore are going nowhere.

"Racing and breeding means a whole lot to us," Prince Ahmed continued. "And not only to me – my brothers, my sisters and even the grandchildren.

"When we see the green, pink and white it just brings us so much joy and so much pride of what my father has done.

"Selling the operation was a no-brainer for us to say no to."

Item is now arguably the best three-year-old in training.

Prince Ahmed added: "It is very, very exciting. I talked to Andrew Balding and told him I was so emotional winning the King George [VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot with Kalpana] but I think I'm even more emotional winning the Juddmonte International.

"I can see my father over and over and over and I'm glad I have brought my children here to see what I have seen when I was their age. I'm so excited.

"Breeding a horse like Item, having the sire and I must admit running in the company he was with, is just unbelievable.

"There were unbelievable horses in this race. I think it's the best race of this year.

"Just being in the company of the good horses is good enough for us. But to beat them is special.

"My father always liked this race, and we have such fond memories of it in the 80s and 90s. It reminds me of my father everywhere I go seeing his colours."

BIG HOPE . . . Hopewell Rock

Juddmonte could win today's big betting race, the Sky Bet Ebor, with **Tarriance**, who might well go off favourite for Balding.

But I'm hoping for a big run from **HOPEWELL ROCK** (3.35) who stepped up to this afternoon's trip of 1m6f at Goodwood (Tarriance behind) and saw it out well to win a handicap off a mark of 101.

He's up 4lb here to 105 but he's a very lightly-raced horse and he could be open to improvement.

In the early stages of his career he coped with wet ground very well so if it doesn't dry out much the surface will be no problem and he's got a cracking draw in stall 3.

Callum Rodriguez picks up the ride for George Boughey and I'm a little surprised James Doyle has ditched him for Wathnan's other runner **Opportunity**. I'll chance a few quid each-way.

I also believe **TEN BOB TONY** (3.00) is a cracking place bet in the Group 1 Sky Bet City Of York Stakes. The Queen Anne winner and Sussex Stakes fourth is arguably better at seven furlongs than a mile and goes on any surface.

Good luck and *Yeeehaaa*!

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WILLIE CAN TAKE CENTRE

MR HOLLYWOOD can star in the £500,000 Sky Bet Ebor (3.35 York, nap).

By STEVE MULLEN

Willie Mullins (*below*) has a fine record in the valuable race, taking it twice since 2023 and three times in all. This improving stayer will love the trip and goes on any ground.

He has another big chance with **Love Me Tender**, while **Tarriance**, **Emit**, **Beylerbeyi**, **Daiquiri Bay** and **Klassleader** can figure. He're my big-race guide:

OPPORTUNITY ★★★
TUN up. Much improved since being gelded, landing the Duke of Edinburgh at Royal Ascot before a fine Glorious Stakes second. Longer trip could bring more but best form on fast.

EPIC POET ★★
EPIC task. Yorkshire Cup third here in May but below form twice since. Needs a revival.

PARADIAS ★★
BELOW Par. AW winner in Feb and respectable at Sandown since. Stays well on any going but looks in handicapper's grip.

FURTHUR ★★
FUR play. Group 3 winner last summer but below form this term including in the Gold Cup. Stays 2m but needs comeback.

SPINNING WHEEL ★★
IN a Spin. Back winning on AW latest after struggle on Derby day on soft. Stays well but ground and wide draw raise questions.

TARRIANCE ★★★★
TAR very much. Melrose winner over C&D last year and cracking fourth at Glorious Goodwood. Good to soft suits and he clearly likes it here. Strong claims.

MR HOLLYWOOD ★★★★★
HOLLY good. Excellent Queen Alexandra third at Royal Ascot before winning over hurdles at Galway. Stamina assured, handles any ground and he arrives thriving. Big shout for Ebor king Willie Mullins.

DAIQUIRI BAY ★★★★
BAY pay. Chasing hat-trick after wins at Newmarket and in Copper Horse at Ascot. Melrose third over C&D last year and handles any ground. Major player.

HOPEWELL ROCK ★★★
ROCK solid. Progressive winner of a competitive Glorious Goodwood handicap latest. Stays 1¾m on any ground but this deeper contest demands more.

EMIT ★★★★
EM appeal. Solid fourth in Duke of Edinburgh at Royal Ascot and proven over 1¾m. Handles any ground, stays well and has been freshened up. Plenty to like.

PADDY THE SQUIRE ★★★
SQUIRE fire. Third in the Copper Horse at Royal Ascot before going close in the Old Newton Cup. Stays 1¾m and handles any ground. Could nick a place.

POETIC SOUND ★★★
SOUND claims. Curragh handicap winner in June before a fair seventh over 2m. Stamina and ground fine, looks a big price.

ALIGN THE STARS ★★
STAR must shine. Northumberland Plate winner before poor at Glorious Goodwood. Stays and handles soft so big price if bouncing back.

BURDETT ROAD ★
BUR down. Smart at his peak but poor on the Flat lately including at Goodwood. Stays but badly needs a revival.

BEYLERBEYI ★★★★
BEY may pay. Cesarewitch winner who was a huge eyecatcher at Newmarket latest. Stays all day, handles soft and a strong pace should suit. On shortlist.

STRESSFREE ★★★
NO Stress. Good second on his return but disappointing since. Fourth in this last year and handles any ground but current form is a concern.

KLASSLEADER ★★★★
KLASS act. Impressive Dante meeting winner here on good to soft before flopping on firm in the Old Newton Cup. Proven over 1¾m and today's conditions suit. Big chance.

ASCENDING ★★★
DING dong. Second in this last year off this mark but below that this term. Latest Group 3 was an inadequate test and this trip should suit better. Handles ground and could bounce back.

SQUARE NECKER ★★★
SQUARE in shape. Chasing a hat-trick after wins at Hamilton and Ayr, latest on good to soft. Progressive and looks a stayer so one to consider.

REAL DREAM ★★★
DREAM alive. Better than his latest Newmarket seventh suggests after meeting traffic. Fifth in this last year, handles soft and is better treated. Top outsider.

CIRCUS OF ROME ★
WHAT a Circus. Progressive last season but below best this year. Needs bounce-back.

LOVE ME TENDER ★★★★
LOVE it. Unexposed Mullins recruit, twice a winner in Germany before a close Chantilly Listed fourth on soft. Strong pace should suit and jump in trip will be fine.

EASY . . . jockey Juan Hernandez

JUAN'S AN
Hernandez and Bacio

By JACK KEENE at York

JUAN HERNANDEZ flew out of the traps on the brilliant Bacio at York — and then flew straight to Heathrow to catch a flight home!

If the top US jockey looked like a man in a hurry aboard Wesley Ward's freewheelin' Nunthorpe Stakes winner, it's because he was.

Hernandez was due to catch a 6.15 flight to Los Angeles, so he got off the horse and straight into a helicopter to take him down south to the airport.

He grinned: "All credit to Bacio, he's an incredible horse and a big thank you to Wesley for bringing me here.

"It's my first win here, it's very special and I hope to come back. Now I've got to get to the airport!"

Ward, meanwhile, was cheering home his latest sprinting star from his stable at Keeneland racecourse.

It was a perfectly-judged ride and remarkable performance from the powerful three-year-old, who won the Palace Of Holyroodhouse by a street at Royal Ascot back in June.

There were concerns about his ability to handle rain-softened ground on the Knavesmire having raced on a fast surface throughout his career. But the

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FIVE STAR REVIEW . . . Mr Hollywood (*green*) can strike in Ebor

AMERICAN IDOL

jet to a famous Nunthorpe blitz

ground didn't blunt his speed in the slightest as he fired out of the stalls like a bullet from a gun and ran the legs off his rivals, beating Starlust (25-1) by a length and a quarter.

Speaking from Kentucky, a chuffed Ward said: "Me and the boys at the barn here at Keeneland are jumping up and down, going crazy.

"He broke incredibly well again, I was a little worried he was going to come out kind of sideways but he just popped right out of there like a bunny rabbit so I was very happy.

"The ground was a bit unknown, but I said before he's got feet that look like he'll be fine running in the mud.

"You know, some of them pop out of there, two lengths in front, and they get beat an eighth of a mile, but this guy he just kept going.

"It's exciting to have a horse like this and we'll get him ready for the Breeders' Cup on his home track."

There was an upset in the Lonsdale Cup as 9-1 shot Al Nayyir came home with a wet sail to register the biggest win of his career.

Illinois, Caballo De Mar and Mount Atlas looked set to fight out the finish, but Al Nayyir came over the top late to chin all of them under William Buick.

Winning trainer Tom Clover said: "He keeps finding for pressure, he is a very genuine horse and really deserved it.

"We weren't beaten far by Vauban in this two years ago and we were third to Trawlerman last year, so to win his first Group 2 at eight years young is fantastic."

Arapaho Gold (2-1) maintained his unbeaten record in the Gimcrack Stakes.

Trainer Michael Dods said: "We are very lucky to have a horse like him in the yard."

CUP HERO . . . Al Nayyir strikes

INFRAAD looks way out on his own in the Melrose Handicap (2.25, York).

William Haggas's improver landed some king-sized bets when he pinched a heavyweight tussle at Glorious Goodwood on his latest jaunt. The step up in trip looks made to measure, and Hag's nag has got those bookie chappies running for cover.

Mind you, there was no escape for the layers after Kaiya Fraser (*right*) booted home well-bet So Sassy (9-2 to 3s) in a decent dash at Wolverhampton on Monday.

That money-maker will win again, and canny Kaiya should hit another bullseye with Rebecca Menzies' **ADONIUS** in the Roses Stakes (4.45, York).

Beccy's bullet is greased lightning out of the blocks and only got reeled in near the wire in a top pot last time.

This super-slick track should be right up his strasse, and Menzie's mates will be asking for a recount if he isn't called home in front.

Talking of which, velvet-voiced commentator Simon Holt did the Billy Bunters a favour when he nudged them in the direction of 25-1 winner Whizzy Dizzy at Lingfield on Thursday.

But some heavy hitters left the Surrey gaff with their chins on the deck after Gary Moore's properly punted Ocean Force (5s to 15-8) dropped

Kaiya can be Don at York

anchor in a two-bob handicap. Curtains started twitching when a whisper went round that Gazza's gelding is owned by sharp-as-a-tack former trainer Milton Harris.

Milt has been on the naughty step since the BHA revoked his licence for a multitude of sins back in 2024, and his big boy was shown a red card after running out of gas at the furlong pole.

Joseph O'Brien's crew got on the scoresheet at leafy with One Number, and they are making the right noises about **EMIT** in the 22-runner Ebor (3.35). Baby-faced Joseph's bruiser warmed up for today's bunfight by finishing fourth under Ryan Moore in a no-nonsense rumble at Royal Ascot.

The master of mirth is back aboard again, and some clued-up characters from the Emerald Isle reckon he is a cast-iron each-way snip.

Clive Cox likes to cut a dash, and the Lambourn legend will be getting his best bib and tucker out for Orthodox's spin in the Prix Morny at Deauville tomorrow.

A minor mishap meant Coxy's champ swerved a trip to France last month, but he is reported to be fighting fit now and connections will be choked if he can't outmuscle this lot.

My pal 'Chris the gardener' likes to flex his pecs. The prince of pruning reckons he won an Ironman competition last week – apparently he managed six shirts in half an hour.

Anyway, the old rascal is always on the lookout for a fast filly, and he's going banco on Andrew Balding's market mover **DANCE IN THE STORM** (4.10, York).

Handy Andy's gang have got all guns blazing after winning everything bar the members' raffle on the Knavesmire this week.

Bookie-bashing Balding has got another hard-nosed hit squad assembled for today's card, and his likely lass looks the bizzo with deadeye Oisin Murphy pulling the trigger.

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TEMPLEGATE

2.05 ..... Whip Cracker
2.40 ..... By The Book (nb)
3.15 ..... Nicely
3.50 ..... Ivory Moon
4.25 ..... U S S Charleston
5.00 ..... Rosenpur
5.35 ..... St Mawes

TOM PEPPER

2.05 ..... Asuka
2.40 ..... Fantasy World
3.15 ..... Gladys Pugh
3.50 ..... Ivory Moon
4.25 ..... U S S Charleston
5.00 ..... Rosenpur
5.35 ..... St Mawes

TIC-TAC: Left-handed, very sharp track of just over 1m round with a short run-in.
DRAW: A fast start give a distinct advantage in sprints.
FAVOURITES: (2021-2026): 181 have won out of 540 races (34%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 38 have won out of 150 races (25%).
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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: C Appleby 12 wins from 27 runners; R Varian 6 from 20; R Beckett 8 from 29; M Botti 6 from 23; K R Burke 8 from 32; G Boughey 5 from 23; James Owen 8 from 45; D O'Meara 8 from 52; A Balding 7 from 57.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: H Crouch 13 wins from 39 rides; B Loughnane 16 from 66; J Nicholls 3 from 13; R Hornby 6 from 34; P Mulrennan 6 from 36; J Watson 5 from 35; M Ghiani 5 from 36; J Mitchell 4 from 32; C Shepherd 3 from 33.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: J Coulson 64; S Hollinshead 34
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: A Brookes 34; W Carver 29.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 A Balding 51-234, H Palmer 48-275, T Easterby 19-190, R Beckett 15-83, C Johnston 14-106, I Williams 14-213, R Varian 13-52, J Candlish 11-86, P Evans 10-79, D Loughnane 10-112.
THIS SEASON: A Balding 10, H Palmer 7, I Williams 5.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 J Watson 18-120, R Hornby 10-64, J F Egan 8-75, H Crouch 7-39, S B Kirrane 7-66, B Loughnane 5-49, A Brookes 4-30, T Eaves 4-30, B Robinson 4-31, P Mulrennan 4-49. **THIS SEASON:** H Crouch 4, B Loughnane 3, J Watson 3.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 3.50 Dadawada G Tutty to C Kellett; **5.00 Reciprocated** K R Burke to D Loughnane; **Stanley Spencer** J Tate to F McSharry; **5.35 Howth** M Appleby to T Lacey. **RACEFAX:** K Ryan won the 3.15 in 2018 & 2021. A Balding won the 2.40 in 2018 & 2020. T Easterby won the 5.00 in 2018 & 2021. R Beckett won the 2.40 in 2021, 2022 & 2025.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Lady Vivian (2.40) & **Cranachan** (5.35) trained by R Beckett, Kimpton Down, round trip of 452 miles; **By The Book** (2.40) trained by C Appleby, Newmarket, round trip of 364 miles.

IN THE MONEY

TOP EARNERS:
2.40 **Lazy Griff** £574,981
2.05 **Rhoscolyn** £387,479
5.00 **Roman Dragon** £365,929
2.05 **Two Tempting** £304,329
2.05 **Henlein** £205,882

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** None. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None today. **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 2.05 **Rhoscolyn** (won off 97 down 8lb to 89). **JOB JOCKEYS:** B Loughnane rides **By The Book** (2.40) for C Appleby, 39 from 99, 39%. H Crouch rides **Whip Cracker** (2.05) for R Hughes, 6 from 21, 29%. B Loughnane rides **St Mawes** (5.35) for G Scott, 10 from 35, 29%. J Mitchell rides **Aqpan** (2.05), **Orchard Keeper** (2.40) for R Varian, 286 from 1340, 21%.

2.05 VIRGIN BET SUPPORTS SAFE GAMBLING HCAP (2) £30,924; 7f 127y (14 runners)

1 3-2330 **TWO TEMPTING 22 (CD)**
(10) J Portman 7-9-10 ..... **Rob Hornby** 97
Runs: 48 Wins: 9 (4A,3GS,2G) Places: 12 £304,329
Rare poor run latest, good record around here, trip suits, can rebound

2 -75046 **FIVE WAYS 22**
(14) A Balding 3-9-9 ..... **Jason Watson** 86
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,A) £71,292
Poor latest, close in Listed company here before, trip a plus, big ask

3 90-700 **HENLEIN 25 (P★)**
(8) K Ryan 5-9-7 ..... **Tom Eaves** 84
Runs: 7 Places: 1 £205,882
Yet to convince in Britain, prefers good ground, drop in trip, unlikely

4 20-032 **WHIP CRACKER 106**
(4) R Hughes 5-9-6 ..... **Hector Crouch** 97
Runs: 18 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 8 £77,489
Good efforts this term, ground fine but this shorter trip may be sharp

5 155093 **THE FINGAL RAVEN 24 (D)**
(9) J Osborne 4-9-4 ..... **William Carver** 95
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 7 £102,363
Fine third latest, ground and this trip suit, competitive off this mark

6 1/211 **ASUKA 21**
(12) G Boughey 4-9-3 ..... **Billy Loughnane** ●99
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 1 £22,247
Progressive, won strong 7f handicap latest, further progress likely

7 -16879 **AQPAN 21**
(2) R Varian 3-9-2 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 90
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £15,116
Struggled since maiden win, latest lacked punch, needs improvement

8 542238 **GOLDMOYNE 24 (D)**
(3) J Owen 6-9-0 ..... **Callum Shepherd** 96
Runs: 39 Wins: 8 (F,6A,G) Places: 12 £83,074
Better than latest placing suggests, had been knocking on door, threat

9 19-004 **YANIFER 14 (CD)**
(7) H Bethell 8-8-13 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 90
Runs: 42 Wins: 9 (S,2F,4GS,2G) Places: 10 £138,990
Yet to fire this term but likes it here, falling mark offers some hope

10 -50050 **RHOSCOLYN 24 (D)**
(1) D O'Meara 8-8-12 ..... **Ben Robinson** 93
Runs: 74 Wins: 10 (F,6S,3GS) Places: 8 £387,479
Poor latest, has struggled this term, more rain welcome, risky bet

11 543061 **COLLECTING COIN 28 (CD)**
(13) J Candlish 4-8-11 ..... **Darragh Keenan** 95
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (G) Places: 4 £27,524
Won readily here latest, trip and ground suit, tougher test now, player

12 331331 **BLUE PRINCE 20 (CD)**
(5) P Evans 5-8-10 ..... **John Egan** 92
Runs: 42 Wins: 6 (F,2A,3G) Places: 12 £169,322
Won here latest, much tougher company now but this is his bag

13 12-416 **U SURE DO 11**
(11) T Easterby 4-8-9 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3)** 87
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (3G) Places: 5 £35,606
Step up in trip again, drawn wide, sniff on going day but others better

14 5-8203 **VIXEY 15 (CD)**
(6) S West 6-8-4 ..... **Aiden Brookes** 88
Runs: 32 Wins: 5 (F,A,3G) Places: 14 £60,205
Back to form latest, course form to name, trip suits, chance again

BETTING: 4 Asuka, 9-2 Collecting Coin, 5 Whip Cracker, 6 The Fingal Raven, 15-2 Blue Prince, 8 Vixey, 10 Goldmoyne, 20 Yanifer
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 8 8 6 4
2025: Yanifer 7-8-6, A Brookes 11-1 (H Bethell), drw 8, 10 ran.

Sunracing FORM

TWO TEMPTING (9-7) 50-1 with leaders, ridden 2f out, weakened, 17th of 18 (12l) to Archivist (9-12) (Goodwood 1m hcap (2) £90,195 good).
FIVE WAYS (9-3) 50-1 midfield, ridden 3f out, weakened, 6th of 7 (btn 8¹/₄l) to Shayem (9-3) (Goodwood 1m Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good to firm).
HENLEIN (9-3) 50-1 led after 2 furlongs, headed halfway, weakened 2f out, 12th of 17 (6l) to Al Aali (8-10) (Goodwood 1¼m hcap (2) £61,848 good).
WHIP CRACKER (9-4) 8-1 led, headed and remained prominent after 1f, ridden to chase winner 1f out, kept on but no match for winner, btn 4³/₄l to Respond (9-5) (11 ran) (Chester 1¼m hcap (2) £23,193 good).
THE FINGAL RAVEN (9-8) 16-1 midfield, not clear run 2f out, headway final furlong, went 3rd finish, 3rd of 20 (btn 1¹/₂l) to Crimson Spirit (9-6) **GOLDMOYNE** (8-13) 17-2 keen hold, prominent, led 3f out, headed final furlong, soon faded, 8th (btn 3¹/₄l) **RHOSCOLYN** (9-5) 12-1 took keen hold, midfield, no impression 1f out, 19th (11l) (Goodwood 7f hcap (3) £25,770 good).
ASUKA (9-5) 15-8 fav mid-division, squeezed through 1f out, led 110yds out, stayed on, just held on, bt Angel Hunter (9-2) hd (15 ran) (Thirsk 7f hcap (3) £9,720 good to firm).
AQPAN (9-3) 22-1 midfield, headway over 2f out, switched right 2f out, ridden 1f out, faded, 9th of 13 (btn 4¹/₄l) to Ghost Mode (8-11) (Goodwood 7f hcap (2) £38,655 good to firm).
YANIFER (9-12) 12-1 keen, led, joined 2f out, headed 1f out, soon weakened, 4th of 6 (btn 6¹/₂l) to Pellitory (10-1) (Haydock 7f hcap (3) £7,851 good).
COLLECTING COIN (10-2) 10-1 midfield, closed 2f out, carried right 1f out, led final furlong, going away, bt Woodstock (9-12) 1³/₄l (8 ran) (Chester 1m hcap (4) £7,731 good).
BLUE PRINCE (8-13) 13-8 fav chased leader, led 1f out, kept on well final furlong, bt Alpha Capture (9-4) nk (6 ran) (Chester 1m (4) £7,731 good).
U SURE DO (9-8) 11-2 rear, stayed on final furlong, nearest finish, 6th of 12 (btn 3¹/₂l) to Dandy Magic (8-2) (Hamilton 6f hcap (4) £5,286 good).
VIXEY (9-10) 16-1 midfield, went 3rd final furlong, no danger, 3rd of 11 (2l) to Jonny Concrete (9-9) (Musselburgh 7f hcap (4) £7,851 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

WHIP CRACKER is the pick in a competitive handicap, with his handy draw and proven ability at this venue making plenty of appeal. He was a solid second over 1m2f here when last seen in May, having earlier gone close in a 24-runner Newbury handicap over a mile. Dropping to this 7½f is fine and the likely strong pace will make this a test. Hector Crouch can secure a good pitch from stall four and he's proven on fast and slow ground. **Asuka** is probably the best horse in the field, having won three of his four starts. He overcame traffic to make a successful handicap debut at Thirsk last time and looks capable of better again but stall 12 is a serious complication around here. **Rhoscolyn** looks on a fair weight and has conditions to suit from stall 1, while **Goldmoyne** arrives in reliable form and is well berthed in three although his best has come on the all-weather. **Collecting Coin** impressed over C&D last time but must overcome stall 13.

2.05

2.40 VIRGIN BET CHESTER STAKES (LISTED) winner £34,026; 1m 6f (8 runners)

1 23-317 **LAZY GRIFF 25**
(3) C Johnston 4-9-11 ... **Callum Shepherd** 98
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,GS,G) Places: 4 £574,981
Poor in Group 1 latest, stays well, might have class edge, big player

2 1-3362 **BY THE BOOK 49**
(7) C Appleby 5-9-8 ..... **Billy Loughnane** ●99
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (F,2A) Places: 2 £170,313
Solid comeback at Beverley, stamina to prove still, more up sleeve

3 0-6304 **DURAJI 35**
(8) R Hughes 5-9-8 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 87
Runs: 13 Wins: 1 Places: 2 £46,005
Returned to form latest, stays well, doesn't want it soft, competitive

4 11531- **FANTASY WORLD J162 (D)**
(5) A Balding 4-9-8 ..... **Rob Hornby** 93
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (S,2GS) Places: 3 £97,890
First go for yard, Flat winner last autumn, hurdling form raises doubts

5 -69447 **MIDAK 21**
(2) I Williams 4-9-8 ..... **Paul Mulrennan** 90
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (A,GS,G) Places: 2 £73,751
Gone okay in similar company, stamina is a question mark, watched

6 12166/ **TACTICIAN 700 (BF,D)**
(1) A Balding 5-9-8 ..... **Jason Watson** —
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 £30,396
Long absence, stays all day, better ground would help, fitness a concern

7 72-542 **LADY VIVIAN 50 (C)**
(4) R Beckett 4-9-3 ..... **Hector Crouch** 93
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £44,373
Fine Listed second over 2m latest, stays well, solid claims at this level

8 3244-5 **ORCHARD KEEPER 21 (D)**
(6) R Varian 5-9-3 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 89
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 7 £57,366
Needed comeback, stays this longer trip, ground suits, can step forward

BETTING: 5-2 By The Book, 11-4 Lazy Griff, 6 Lady Vivian, 13-2 Fantasy World, 7 Midak, 10 Orchard Keeper, 14 Tactician, 16 Duraji
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 5 2 3
2025: Allonsy 4-9-6, E Greatrex 4-1 (R Beckett), drw 2, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

LAZY GRIFF (9-12) 18-1 led, headed but handy after 3 furlongs, outpaced 3f out and dropped away, 7th of 8 (well btn) to Scandinavia (9-12) (Goodwood 2m Grp 1 (1) £283,550 good).
BY THE BOOK (9-2) 3-1 handy, led 1f out, headed final 110yds, outpaced, 1¹/₂l by Al Aasy (9-2) (5 ran) (Beverley 1¹/₂m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).
DURAJI (9-12) 14-1 in rear, effort 2f out, stayed on without threatening, 4th of 7 (2l) to Shrimp Shady (9-3) (Newbury 2m hcap (2) £30,924 good).
FANTASY WORLD (9-3) 20-1 tracked leader, stayed on 1f out, led finish, bt Nightwalker (9-3) nk (8 ran) (Ascot 1³/₄m Listed (1) £56,710 good to soft).
MIDAK (9-3) 50-1 lost several lengths start, raced in last, never on terms, 7th of 8 (6¹/₂l) to Enfjaar (9-3) (Goodwood 1¹/₂m Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good).
TACTICIAN (8-6) 15-8 fav mid-division, dropped away 2f out, 6th of 11 (11l) to Robert Johnson (8-4) (Newmarket 2¹/₄m hcap (2) £25,770 good to firm).
LAZY GRIFF (9-2) 4-7 fav made all, three lengths clear 2f out, kept on over 1f out, unchallenged, bt **LADY VIVIAN** (8-11) 12-1 in touch, ridden 3f out, kept on, 2¹/₂l (4 ran) (Sandown 2m Listed (1) £34,026 good).
ORCHARD KEEPER (9-9) 33-1 handy, outpaced 2f out, ridden final furlong, kept on, 5th of 8 (5l) to Romantic Symphony (8-13) (Newmarket 1¹/₂m Listed (1) £39,697 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.40

BY THE BOOK will relish returning to this testing trip. This lightly raced five-year-old has already shown smart form at this trip. He returned from three months off with a good second to Al Aasy in Listed company at Beverley last time and was staying on at the end of 1m4f. Charlie Appleby's gelding stays and has form on good to soft, so conditions hold no concerns. His Meydan third over this distance earlier in the year reads well, while his decisive win on good to soft last December underlines his effectiveness when granted some ease. **Lazy Griff** sets a strong standard on his Derby and Irish Derby placings last year and won a Listed race over 2m in July. However, he was well beaten in the Goodwood Cup last time and now drops back in trip. **Lady Vivian** chased Lazy Griff home at Sandown and likes it here, while **Fantasy World** won at this trip on good to soft when last seen on the Flat and is another with a shout.

3.15 EBF FILLIES' CONDITIONS STAKES (2) 2-Y-O; winner £10,308; 6f (7 runners)

1 101 **BATED BENEVOLENCE 36 (D)**
(2) M Botti 9-2 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 97
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (A,G) £10,233
Impressive latest, won on turf and sets a solid standard in this grade

2 52 **GLADYS PUGH 28**
(5) K Ryan 9-2 ..... **Tom Eaves** 94
Runs: 2 Places: 1 £6,949
Much improved latest, 6f suits, good ground should pose no concern

3 624546 **JAZZ QUEEN 11**
(6) H Palmer 9-2 ..... **Paul Mulrennan** 85
Runs: 6 Places: 1 £11,276
Poor latest, recent efforts offer little encouragement, needs more

4 2014 **KENTUCKY RAIN 14**
(4) L Souza 9-2 ..... **Jason Watson** 92
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £13,769
Below Listed level latest, earlier 5f win was strong, first try at 6f may help

5 216 **NICELY 20 (D)**
(1) K De Foy 9-2 ..... **Hector Crouch** ●99
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £9,506
Group 3 sixth over 7f latest, return to 6f looks a positive, ground okay

6 4 **TAKAAFUL 36**
(3) G Boughey 9-2 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 90
Runs: 1 £761
Encouraging debut when green, should progress on similar ground

7 51530 **THE CAN CAN QUEEN 28 (D)**
(7) C Johnston 9-2 ..... **Callum Shepherd** 96
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £12,109
Well held in Group 3 latest, Listed form prior, trip ideal, drawn widest

BETTING: 11-4 Nicely, 3 Bated Benevolence, 9-2 The Can Can Queen, 5 Gladys Pugh, Kentucky Rain, 11 Takaaful, 20 Jazz Queen
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 2 5 1
2025: Coming Attraction 9-2, J Mitchell 7-4F (R Varian), drw 5, 5 ran.

Sunracing FORM

BATED BENEVOLENCE (9-6) 5-4 fav prominent, led after 1f, ridden over 1f out, clear final 110yds, comfortably, bt Roosike (9-2) 3³/₄l (8 ran) (W'hampton 6f fll nov (4) £5,913 AW).
GLADYS PUGH (9-2) 16-1 led but pressed, ridden 1f out, headed line, sh hd by Rogue Jewel (9-2) (6 ran) (York 6f nov (3) £12,885 good to firm).
JAZZ QUEEN (9-2) 11-2 slowly away, never better than midfield, 6th of 7 (btn 11l) to Influencer Man (9-9) (Carlisle 5f hcap (5) £5,496 good).
KENTUCKY RAIN (8-11) 7-2 in touch, ridden 1f out, weakened late, 4th of 8 (6l) to Drazinda (8-11) (Deauville 5f Listed (1) £22,686 good to soft).
NICELY (8-11) 11-1 pressed leader, ridden 1f out, weakened final 110yds, 6th of 7 (4³/₄l) to Data (8-11) (Deauville 7f Grp 3 (1) £30,248 good to soft).
TAKAAFUL (8-13) 13-2 handy, ridden 2f out, no extra final 110yds, 4th of 11 (2l) to Al Samsama (9-2) (Newbury 6f mdn (4) £6,480 good to firm).
THE CAN CAN QUEEN (9-2) 50-1 led overall, pushed along and headed 2f out, dropped away tamely, last of 11 (btn 13l) to Moonrise (9-2) (Ascot 6f Grp 3 (1) £45,368 good to firm).

3.50 BRITISH STALLION STUDS FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £10,308; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (7) **ANGEL CEECEE** K R Burke 9-2 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3) —**
2 (6) 5 **DADAWADA 53** C Kellett 9-2 ..... **Faleh Boghenaim 79**
3 (4) 8 **DUTY'S CALL 29 (BF)** G Scott 9-2 ..... **Darragh Keenan 87**
4 (1) **IVORY MOON** G Boughey 9-2 ..... **Billy Loughnane —**
5 (3) 67 **LADY OF HAY 17** A Balding 9-2 ..... **Jason Watson 86**
6 (5) 77 **LADY TITANIA 12** K R Burke 9-2 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 78**
7 (2) **3 MOLLISHA 28** B Ellison 9-2 ..... **Tom Eaves ●99**

BETTING: 4-5 Ivory Moon, 11-4 Mollisha, 9-2 Angel Ceecee, 8 Duty's Call, 10 Lady Of Hay, 14 Lady Titania, 50 Dadawada
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

4.25 KORE SYSTEMS HANDICAP (4); 3-y-o; value to the winner £7,731; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (2) 9150524 **U S S CHARLESTON 15 (D)** L Souza 9-9 ..... **Marco Ghiani ●99**
2 (5) 217-476 **BIG FUN 15 (D)** K Ryan 9-9 ..... **Tom Eaves 89**
3 (7) 1987504 **HENRYTHENATE 28 (D)** P Morris 9-7 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3) 91**
4 (1) 1316632 **ALFA DUPLICATE 30 (D)** I Furtado 9-6 ..... **Billy Loughnane 98**
5 (4) -753994 **HANNEY GIRL 10 (BF,D)** T Easterby 9-4 ..... **Sean Kirrane 90**
6 (3) 3443600 **KANISHKA 7** I Williams 9-3 ..... **Faleh Boghanaim 87**
7 (6) -316140 **DRAGON SPIN 29 (D)** Steph Hollinshead 8-13 ..... **Dougie Costello 90**

BETTING: 9-4 Alfa Duplicate, 7-2 U S S Charleston, Henrythenate, 5 Hanney Girl, 12 Big Fun, Kanishka, Dragon Spin
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 4-0 2 9 1
2025: Kinswoman 9-6 Cieren Fallon 5-4 Fav (W Haggas) drawn 1, 8 ran.

5.00 POWELLS JEWELLERY HANDICAP (3) winner £10,308; 6f (14 runners)

1 180096 **ROMAN DRAGON 20 (CD)**
(5) H Palmer 7-10-0 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3)** 93
Runs: 59 Wins: 10 (S,2F,GS,6G) Places: 9 £365,929
Below best of late, return to sprinting suits and this is his manor

2 -73203 **POSTMODERN 28 (P★;D)**
(13) H Al Jehani 3-9-11 ... **Faleh Boghanaim** 95
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £43,705
Back to form when third here, major player today but horror draw

3 11105 **WESTPORT 50 (D)**
(10) G Boughey 3-9-7 ..... **Billy Loughnane** ●99
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (A,2G) £17,841
Below best in two strong 5f races, return to 6f can help markedly

4 300631 **AMERICAN STYLE 22 (D)**
(2) K Ryan 4-9-6 ..... **Tom Eaves** 92
Runs: 19 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 8 £76,303
Back to winning form on AW, must transfer that revival to turf, risky

5 311020 **TRICKY TEL 3 (CD)**
(12) H Palmer 3-9-5 ..... **Jack Mitchell** 93
Runs: 11 Wins: 4 (F,GS,2G) Places: 2 £67,086
Patchy profile of late, good course record, still bit to prove at level

6 316413 **STATION X 11 (CD)**
(8) B Smart 4-9-5 ..... **Paul Mulrennan** 96
Runs: 21 Wins: 4 (2S,A,GS) Places: 8 £71,606
Running consistently, 6f and ground suit and proven here, solid shout

7 1-0120 **CHERRY BAKER 64 (CD)**
(14) J Owen 3-9-4 ..... **non-runner** 97
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £27,501
Below form latest, return to 6f helps, excellent record here, ruled out

8 65-300 **RECIPROCATED 70 (D)**
(9) D Loughnane 3-9-3 ..... **Laura Pearson** 88
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S,G) £31,974
Below best last twice, 6f suits, needs revival despite slightly fairer mark

9 414307 **FORTIFICATION 7**
(3) B Ellison 3-9-3 ..... **Jason Watson** 87
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 4 £45,057
Fair seventh latest, return here is positive, 6f and ground both proven

10 126060 **BRIGHTON BOY 7 (CD)**
(7) T Easterby 4-9-2 ..... **Sean Kirrane** 85
Runs: 21 Wins: 4 (S,2GS,G) Places: 3 £97,522
Below best latest, ground suits, 6f may again prove sharper than ideal

11 786392 **STANLEY SPENCER 142 (B;D)**
(6) F McSharry 5-9-1 ..... **Hector Crouch** 89
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 7 £40,082
First run for yard, AW second latest, yet to win on turf, bit to prove

12 3-5560 **COACHELLO 98 (D)**
(1) M Loughnane 8-9-1 ..... **Rob Hornby** 86
Runs: 44 Wins: 9 (5A,GS) Places: 3 £195,100
Poor latest and absent since, 6f suits but ground is not proven for him

13 156491 **ROSENPUR 14 (H;CD)**
(4) J Candlish 6-9-1 ..... **Darragh Keenan** 96
Runs: 43 Wins: 7 (F,3A,3G) Places: 15 £104,384
Back to winning form, likes it here and 6f remains within his compass

14 122271 **SUPREME KING 10 (D)**
(11) P Evans 6-9-1 ..... **John Egan** 98
Runs: 60 Wins: 8 (S,F,5A,GS) Places: 14 £99,782
Won in style latest, 6f & ground suit and remains competitive off mark

BETTING: 5 Roman Dragon, 13-2 Tricky Tel, 15-2 Supreme King, 8 American Style, Station X, 10 Fortification, Rosenpur, Westport, 11 Postmodern, 16 Brighton Boy, 20 Reciprocated, 25 Stanley Spencer
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 4 2 3 1
2025: Marchogion 3-9-7, P J McDonald 18-5 Fav (A Balding), drw 1, 9 ran.

5.35 CELEBRATE NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £7,731; 2m. (9 runners)

1 (4) 405843/ **HOWTH J35** T Lacey 7-10-2 ..... **Rob Hornby —**
2 (5) 511-326 **ST MAWES 22 (D)** G Scott 4-10-1 ..... **Billy Loughnane ●99**
3 (3) 151-436 **KUREDU KING 20 (B)** D McCain 4-9-13 ..... **Dougie Costello 92**
4 (9) 35059-5 **WESTERTON 20** J Candlish 6-9-12 ..... **Darragh Keenan 88**
5 (1) 3524530 **MIDNIGHT RUMBLE 29** J Coulson 5-9-12 ..... **Luke Catton (3) 87**
6 (8) 22-8448 **VENEZUELAN 29 (V)** G Hanmer 4-9-11 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3) 88**
7 (2) 319-354 **DINO BELLAGIO 48 (C,D)** D McCain 7-9-7 ..... **Paul Mulrennan 97**
8 (7) 6-2142 **CRANACHAN 36 (B)** R Beckett 3-9-3 ..... **Hector Crouch 98**
9 (6) 2245 **SEA AND SUN 24** C Johnston 3-9-2 ..... **Callum Shepherd 95**

BETTING: 2 Cranachan, 5-2 St Mawes, 15-2 Dino Bellagio, 8 Sea And Sun, 11 Howth, 14 Venezuelan, Kuredu King, Westerton, 20 Midnight Rumble
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 2-7 7 3
2025: It's All About You 5-9-8 George Wood 11-2 (J Candlish) drawn 4, 8 ran.

ALL THE COLOURS AND SUNFORM

NEWMARKET

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

1.34 NAGS HEAD CUTTING BRITISH EBF NOVICE STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £5,669; 6f. (7 runners)

1 (3) **BLUE FOX** J Jones 9-7 ... **David Probert**
2 (4) **GREAT BALLS O'FIRE** R Spencer 9-7 ... **George Wood**
3 (2) **ONE FOR BRUCE** J Tate 9-7 ... **Robert Havlin**
4 (6) **SCENIC BLUE** D Cunha 9-7 ... **Stevie Donohoe**
5 (5) 68 **SILENT SADHU 28** J Jenkins 9-7 ... **Paddy Bradley**
6 (7) **SKY SYMPHONY** L Souza 9-7 ... **Silvestre De Sousa**
7 (1) 68 **WALKIN ON THE MOON 21** R Spencer 9-7 ... **Callum Hutchinson**

BETTING: 2 Great Balls O'Fire, 5-2 One For Bruce, 3 Walkin On The Moon, 10 Blue Fox, 12 Sky Symphony, 14 Silent Sadhu, 25 Scenic Blue
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 5 2 1
2025: Words Of Truth 9-11 Dougie Costello 8-13 Fav (C Appleby) drawn 6, 9 ran.

2.09 TWYFORD DOWN CUTTING HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £6,442; 6f. (13 runners)

1 (10) 321-309 **ZOULU CHIEF 103 (D)** H Main 5-10-2 ... **George Bass 86**
2 (5) 1-07436 **PHOTOSYNTHESIS 57 (BF,D)** P Chapple-Hyam 5-9-13 ... **Robert Havlin 92**
3 (1) 14-6258 **PILU 23 (D)** R Teal 3-9-12 ... **Joe Leavy 95**
4 (2) 0-83658 **SWORD 14** S Williams 5-9-12 ... **Silvestre De Sousa 96**
5 (11) 9830412 **ARCHDUKE FERDINAND 7 (CD)** S Spencer 7-9-11 ... **Dale Swift ●99**
6 (3) 01-1620 **BACK TO ME 70 (D)** P Chamings 3-9-10 ... **Callum Hutchinson 89**
7 (6) 97-6431 **RAJAKING 29 (D)** T Kent 4-9-10 ... **Dylan Hogan 98**
8 (8) 22-1102 **SEA COOKIE 13 (T★;BF,CD)** T Clover 3-9-9 ... **Neil Callan 88**
9 (4) 4121646 **EXPERT AGENT 24 (CD)** S Williams 6-9-8 ... **Ashley Lewis (3) 91**
10 (13) 1213290 **JUAN LES PINS 42 (D)** M Appleby 9-9-6 ... **Conor Whiteley (5) 87**
11 (9) -785013 **FIFTY NIFTY 8 (E;BF,CD)** M Dunne 5-9-4 ... **George Wood 96**
12 (7) 6232113 **SPRING BLOOM 15 (CD)** J Butler 9-9-3 ... **David Probert 97**
13 (12) 2172-09 **ROYAL ACCORD 15 (CD)** P Chapple-Hyam 4-8-12 ... **Olivia Haines (7) 85**

BETTING: 9-2 Rajaking, 5 Spring Bloom, 11-2 Archduke Ferdinand, 8 Fifty Nifty, Sword, Pilu, 10 Photosynthesis, 12 Expert Agent
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 6
2025: Cinque Verde 5-9-12 William Carson 9-1 (A Carroll) drawn 7, 7 ran.

2.44 HARGREAVES SERVICES PLC HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; value to the winner £5,154; 1m. (8 runners)

1 (1) -810472 **NAPOLIAN 7 (H;D)** D O'Meara 9-9 ... **Conor Whiteley (5) 98**
2 (2) 555 **FOREVER ENDLESS 46** K Frost 9-9 ... **Joe Leavy 93**
3 (8) 434-78 **AERIAL SILK 55** D Menuisier 9-8 ... **Dylan Hogan 90**
4 (4) 2-83642 **ROYAL BODYGUARD 10 (D)** M Bell 9-7 ... **Pat Dobbs 97**
5 (3) 3-14731 **GUEST HOUSE 20 (D)** G Margarson 9-6 ... **Silvestre De Sousa ●99**
6 (7) 70-5014 **KHUSKHAS 26 (H★;BF,CD)** T Clover 9-4 ... **Robert Havlin 96**
7 (5) 5824 **LA MARIPOSA 22** P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck 9-3 ... **George Wood 88**
8 (6) 2312538 **KARAKULA DANCER 47 (D)** M Dunne 9-1 ... **Alice Bond (5) 92**

BETTING: 9-4 Guest House, 10-3 Napolian, 7-2 Royal Bodyguard, 8 Khuskhas, 10 Forever Endless, 12 Karakula Dancer, 14 Aerial Silk, 16 La Mariposa
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4
2025: Falmouth Lad 9-9 Jason Watson 5-1 (A Balding) drawn 6, 8 ran.

3.19 HOPEFUL STAKES (LISTED) (1) value to the winner £34,026; 6f (8 runners)

1 1-8306 **CABURN 56 (D)**
(6) J Tate 4-9-3 ... **Dylan Hogan 92**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (2F,GS) Places: 1 £168,813
Strong traveller, will need plenty of cover to produce best, place shout

2 120100 **DUBAI BLING 3 (D)**
(2) H Palmer 4-9-3 ... **Joe Leavy 95**
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 5 £162,348
Ascot win reads well, latest fair, 6f and good ground suit, but starts remain risky

3 1-4423 **ELARAK 42 (C)**
(7) C Hills 4-9-3 ... **David Probert 94**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 2 £78,025
7f hcap winner here in Sep, very consistent this year, chances if fit enough

4 502462 **PRINCE OF INDIA 7 (B;CD)**
(8) M Botti 4-9-3 ... **Pat Dobbs 97**
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (3F,A) Places: 5 £189,523
2nd in Hungerford (Grp 2) at Newbury, drop in class and trip will suit, shortlist

5 213600 **QUINAULT 42 (H;CD)**
(5) S Williams 6-9-3 ... **Silvestre De Sousa 96**
Runs: 36 Wins: 12 (5,5F,A,2GS,3G) Places: 8 £651,624
Back to Listed class after trying hand in Group races this year, player

6 450101 **ROYAL ZABEEL 7 (C,D)**
(1) M Appleby 5-9-3 ... **non-runner 98**
Runs: 25 Wins: 8 (2F,4A,2G) Places: 3 £198,563
Ripon 6f & Newmarket 7f hcp wins, now upped in class, ruled out yesterday

7 113-21 **WORDS OF TRUTH 70 (CD)**
(3) C Appleby 3-9-3 ... **Connor Planas ●99**
Runs: 7 Wins: 4 (F,GS,2G) Places: 2 £183,171
Ultra-consistent 3yo, won 5f Sandown Listed race in June, major claims

8 460-20 **MIDNIGHT TANGO 64 (D)**
(4) E Walker 3-8-9 ... **Ashley Lewis 94**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £43,438
Outclassed in Commonwealth Cup at Ascot in June, needs more here

BETTING: 3 Words Of Truth, Prince Of India, 8 Quinault, Dubai Bling, Midnight Tango, Elarak, 14 Caburn
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 1 3 1
2025: Lethal Levi 6-9-3, S James 11-4 Fav (K R Burke), drawn 7, 9 ran.

3.54 200,000 TATTERSALLS SOMERVILLE AUCTION STAKES (2) 2-Y-O; £108,220; 6f (20 run)

1 137628 **A BEAR AFFAIR 36**
(19) R Hannon 9-7 ... **Pat Dobbs 98**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 1 £35,677
Been holding his own in Lstd grade, possible 5f suits best but respected

2 1153 **NIGHT IN VEGAS 23 (D)**
(7) E J-Houghton 9-7 . **Callum Hutchinson ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 1 £56,919
Close fifth in Coventry, backed it up in Goodwood Grp 2, sets standard

3 41 **BADDADDAN 11 (D)**
(16) R Spencer 9-3 ... **Robert Havlin 94**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £6,879
No trouble getting off mark at Nottm, this whole different test but go well

4 95 **CHIEF MINISTER 17**
(3) E J-Houghton 9-1 ... **Georgia Dobie 82**
Runs: 2 £0
Promise latest, definitely has a race in him though likely not this one

5 731 **CONCILIATE 48 (D)**
(20) J Butler 9-1 ... **Neil Callan 91**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) £8,423
Put experience here to good use at Ayr (albeit weakish race) latest, e-w

6 641102 **EVERATEASE 12 (D)**
(11) E J-Houghton 9-1 ... **Rhys Clutterbuck 93**
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 £29,509
Chinned in Windsor nursery latest (tad unlucky), but this requires more

7 2 **RED BLUE POINT 21**
(12) J Tate 9-1 ... **Silvestre De Sousa 88**
Runs: 1 Places: 1 £2,789
Encouraging debut at Thirsk, a future winner if not necessarily today

8 531 **MOJITO MADNESS 34**
(13) G Arnolda 8-13 ... **Stevie Donohoe 89**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £6,795
Off mark at Redcar and likely more to come, though this is tough ask

9 13 **FRUMOASA 94**
(1) C Fellowes 8-12 ... **Paddy Bradley 90**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £6,668
Another step forward latest but turf debut in red-hot heat, down list

10 2021 **TOPAZ 32 (D)**
(18) J Channon 8-12 ... **David Probert 96**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £18,650
Off mark at Salisbury, still looked green and room for improvement, sniff

11 325 **BALDETTI 11**
(8) M Dods 8-11 ... **Dylan Hogan 86**
Runs: 3 Places: 2 £3,770
Excuses latest, earlier efforts showed potential, there will be other days

12 9 **ISSY'S GIFT 93**
(2) J Channon 8-11 ... **Connor Planas 78**
Runs: 1 £0
Beaten fair and square in Chepstow maiden, shooting for stars here, avoid

13 23202 **LEUCOTHEA 19**
(14) R Hannon 8-10 ... **Joe Leavy 85**
Runs: 5 Places: 3 £11,654
Super Sprint too taxing and more like it Nottm latest, but still plenty to find

14 3 **PROPER NAUGHTY 19**
(15) R Hannon 8-10 ... **Alec Voikhansky 86**
Runs: 1 £1,014
Will have learned plenty from Windsor debut, but this likely too big a task

15 2115 **ZIGAZIG AH 24 (D)**
(6) R Spencer 8-10 ... **George Wood 97**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 1 £152,805
Brave to win Super Sprint, but below-par at Goodwood, bounce back

16 622 **SUPREME STAR 23**
(9) M Botti 8-9 ... **Benoit Sayette 87**
Runs: 3 Places: 2 £4,563
Races to be won with him, possibly over 5f, this looks beyond him though

17 917 **LADY ROSALIND 33 (BF,D)**
(17) W Haggas 8-8 ... **Ashley Lewis 89**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) £4,711
Off mark at Ripon but poor under penalty at Windsor, bit to prove now

18 65319 **TALLAHASSEE LASSIE 17**
(5) J Fanshawe 8-8 ... **George Bass 79**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £5,081
Ffos Las nursery winner but poor AW latest, appears out of her depth

19 2102 **RON'S ANGEL 38 (BF,D)**
(4) J Butler 8-6 ... **Josephine Gordon 88**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £10,143
Outclassed in Albany but had Zig's measure to win maiden, place squeak

20 884 **POLGARIA 9**
(10) R Teal 8-4 ... **Olivia Tubb 73**
Runs: 3 £951
Not set world alight in three starts so far, won't be involved here either

BETTING: 9-4 Night In Vegas, 10-3 A Bear Affair, 15-2 Zigazig Ah, Topaz, 12 Baddaddan, Everatease, 16 Supreme Star, 20 Conciliate
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 2-9 2 4
2025: Sioux Perfect 8-10, William Cox 33-1 (A Watson), drawn 10, 20 ran.

4.29 BLACKWELL EARTHMOVING ANNIVERSARY HCAP (3) £10,308; 1m 6f (5 runners)

1 21-513 **GOBLET OF FIRE 43 (D)**
(1) N Henderson 6-9-12 .. **Ashley Lewis (3) ●99**
Runs: 21 Wins: 8 (S,2F,4A,G) Places: 4 £105,301
Another excellent run when third latest, stays well, leading chance

2 131142 **SIXPACK 21 (CD)**
(4) J Owen 6-9-8 ... **George Wood 97**
Runs: 26 Wins: 5 (2F,GS,2G) Places: 10 £57,130
Beaten by Arqoob here last month, on better terms today, shortlist

3 4-5631 **ARQOOB 21 (B;CD)**
(3) L Wadham 8-9-8 .. **Callum Hutchinson 98**
Runs: 43 Wins: 6 (5F,A) Places: 10 £146,172
Edged out Sixpack over track & trip last time, only 2lb worse off, player

4 324342 **BULLETIN 10**
(5) J Portman 4-9-7 ... **David Probert 95**
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 10 £64,670
Two good Kempton AW runs latest, Epsom 3rd in June puts him in the mix

5 581205 **PEARL RIVER 22**
(2) R Hannon 3-8-13 ... **Alec Voikhansky 96**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 1 £35,342
Won at York in May, mark needs to fall to be back involved at this level

BETTING: 11-4 Goblet Of Fire, 3 Arqoob, 10-3 Sixpack, 9-2 Bulletin, 7 Pearl River
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 2
2025: Arqoob 7-9-7, Harry Davies 12-1 (L Wadham), drawn 5, 5 ran.

5.04 POLHILL CUTTING HANDICAP (4) value to the winner £6,442; 5f (7 runners)

1 254631 **TIVA 15 (V;CD)**
(4) D O'Meara 4-10-2 ... **Silvestre De Sousa 98**
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 4 £36,986
Won in this grade at Musselburgh last time, every chance of following up

2 730-85 **MAELSTROM 7**
(7) S Williams 4-9-12 ... **Ashley Lewis (3) 96**
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 1 £24,967
Has struggled to threaten in his recent outings, needs to step up significantly

3 2-2142 **LARA ANTIPOVA 29 (P★)**
(6) T Clover 3-9-11 ... **Neil Callan 97**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £15,431
Ran well when 2nd at Ascot off the same mark, she can get into the mix

4 3-5521 **DIOMED DUKE 28 (D)**
(3) S Williams 4-9-10 ... **Olivia Haines (7) ●99**
Runs: 15 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 3 £21,884
Upped 5lb for winning weak race at Lingfield, may have to settle for a place

5 551-38 **FANTASY MASTER 71 (D)**
(1) R Cowell 8-9-4 ... **Robert Havlin 92**
Runs: 55 Wins: 8 (2S,F,2A,3G) Places: 12 £121,300
Returns from break after Sandown 8th, claims if can bounce back to form

6 9-0605 **ASPULL 7**
(5) P McEntee 4-8-13 ... **Connor Planas 85**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £8,716
Yet to show best form this season, needs major revival to have place claims

7 116000 **BEAUZON 8 (D)**
(2) I Williams 7-8-12 ... **Paddy Bradley 83**
Runs: 80 Wins: 17 (F,16A) Places: 11 £94,212
Won back-to-back earlier this year, down the field in his last 3 starts, risky

BETTING: 2 Diomed Duke, 5-2 Tiva, Lara Antipova, 13-2 Maelstrom
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 1-2 0 1 2
2025: Tiva 3-9-11, Harry Davies 9-1 (D O'Meara), drawn 4, 9 ran.

TEMPLEGATE

1.34 ..... One For Bruce
2.09 ..... Rajaking
2.44 ..... Napolian
3.19 ..... Words Of Truth
3.54 ..... Night In Vegas
4.29 ..... Goblet Of Fire
5.04 ..... Lara Antipova

TOM PEPPER

1.34 ..... One For Bruce
2.09 ..... Archduke Ferdinand
2.44 ..... Guest House
3.19 ..... Words Of Truth
3.54 ..... Topaz
4.29 ..... Arqoob
5.04 ..... Lara Antipova

TIC-TAC: July course is an undulating galloping track of 2m. All races upto a mile are on the straight course.
DRAW: No advantage.
FAVS: (2021-2026): 223 have won out of 675 races (33%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 29 have won out of 106 races (27%).
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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: C Appleby 12 wins from 27 runners; M Botti 6 from 23; J Butler 6 from 24; J Fanshawe 5 from 22; C Hills 4 from 22; D Cunha 4 from 22; James Owen 8 from 45.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: R Clutterbuck 3 wins from 12 rides; P Bradley 4 from 20; C Planas 2 from 11; D Probert 7 from 49; C Whiteley 2 from 15; R Havlin 3 from 26.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: H Main 44; D Menuisier 35.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: A Voikhansky 29; S Donohoe 28.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 C Appleby 76-209, W Haggas 20-132, S C Williams 17-125, E Walker 16-70, Tom Clover 13-52, D O'Meara 13-57, R Hannon 13-193, M Botti 11-67, James Owen 10-66, R Spencer 9-72. **THIS SEASON:** C Appleby 13, James Owen 7, Tom Clover 5, S C Williams 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 R Havlin 19-134, N Callan 18-124, B Sayette 10-69, D Probert 8-62, S De Sousa 7-73, C Planas 6-37, C Hutchinson 4-35, P Dobbs 4-39, G Wood 4-42, Georgia Dobie 3-11. **THIS SEASON:** R Havlin 6, D Probert 2, C Hutchinson 2, N Callan 2.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 2.09 Back To Me B Haslam to P Chamings; **2.44 Karakula Dancer** J Ferguson to M Dunne. **RACEFAX:** R Cowell won the 5.04 in 2022 & 2023.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Baldetti (3.54) trained by M Dods, Darlington, round trip of 428 miles; **Dubai Bling** (3.19) trained by H Palmer, Malpas, round trip of 414 miles; **Napolian** (2.44) & **Tiva** (5.04), D O'Meara, Upper Helmsley, round trip 382 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Royal Bodyguard (2.44) opened 9-2 second at 3-1; **Words Of Truth** (3.19) opened 5-2 won at 15-8f; **Bulletin** (4.29) opened 4-1 second at 3-1; **Tiva** (5.04) opened 5-1 won at 4-1; **Topaz** (3.54) opened 1-3 won at 2-7f.

TOP EARNERS:
3.19 **Quinault** £651,624
4.29 **Arqoob** £203,323
3.19 **Royal Zabeel** £198,563

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Royal Zabeel (3.19) won at Ripon (6f).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None. **WEIGHTWATCHER:** 2.09 **Archduke Ferdinand** (won off 85 down 3lb to 82); 5.04 **Fantasy Master** (won off 77 down 7lb to 70). **JOB JOCKEYS:** A Bond rides **Karakula Dancer** (2.44) for M Dunne, 4 from 10, 40%. C Planas rides **Words Of Truth** (3.19) for C Appleby, 10 from 35, 29%. D Probert rides **Blue Fox** (1.34) for J Jones, 5 from 18, 28%.

IT's been a real mixed bag on the Knavesmire this week so let's hope we can end on a high on Ebor day.

Mission Central never fired in the Nunthorpe but I don't think we would have caught Bacio even on a going day!

Wesley Ward's horse was super impressive and he'll be tough to beat on home soil in the Breeders' Cup judged by that.

Illinois was tough in the Lonsdale Cup, only getting pipped late on.

I start off the day with **LIMESTONE** (2.25) in the Melrose Handicap.

He looks a very progressive horse. He won his first three, including the Queen's Vase at Ascot.

While he was then slightly disappointing in the Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp last time out, that was a Group 1.

He's now stepping back into a handicap. He has a nice draw and he should go well and Joseph [O'Brien, *left*] can do little wrong wherever he runs his horses. It looks a competitive contest, and he has to give a fair bit of weight away.

Infraad has obvious claims off the back of a win at Goodwood and there are a lot of progressive types in here.

In the City Of York, I'm back on **PUERTO RICO** (*below*, 3.00) for the first time since the French Guineas. Barring that first run of his campaign, he has been disappointing.

With that said, I think the rain that has fallen and the drop to seven furlongs will suit him. It's a competitive field. **Lake Forest** looks

Could be a big day for jolly Joseph

a seven-furlong specialist and **Notable Speech** is the classiest horse in the race.

He disappointed at Ascot, but the seven furlongs could suit him well.

You can make a case for others in the race too. It's a deep field as the race deserves.

Ten Bob Tony has been in great form this year, **Satono Reve** is of interest stepping up to seven furlongs, while **Flora Of Bermuda**, **Zavateri** and **Power Blue** all have chances.

EMIT (3.35) ran well for me at Royal Ascot. I'd say Joseph has had one eye on the Ebor for a while.

He's nicely drawn, and I think he will be suited by the mile-and-six-furlong trip so hopefully he can go close.

You can make a case for over half of the field.

The likes of **Tarriance**, **Opportunity**, **Daiquiri Bay** and **Hopewell Rock** all have a solid chance but that should be the case in a handicap like this.

I finish the day in the Constantine Handicap where I ride **KING OF LIGHT** (4.10) for Stuart Williams.

I haven't ridden him before, so I don't know a lot about him, but he's been running well this season.

He wasn't far away in the Stewards' Cup and ran an eye-catching race last time in the Sprint Series Final at Windsor when he came from too far back but finished strongly.

He looks to have a decent chance on that form and I think this test will suit.

Good luck everyone!

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FINAL DAY OF THE EBOR FESTIVAL AT YORK ITV

TEMPLEGATE

1.50.....Geryon
2.25.....Bay Of Stars
3.00.....Zavateri
3.35 MR HOLLYWOOD (nap)
4.10.....Evening Saigon
4.45.....Adonius
5.20.....Al Aali

TOM PEPPER

1.50.....Persica
2.25.....Bay Of Stars (nb)
3.00.....Ten Bob Tony
3.35..DAIQUIRI BAY (nap)
4.10.Dance In The Storm
4.45.....Sale Shark
5.20.....Accredit

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Mr Hollywood (York) and By The Book (double, Chester) with Geryon (York). TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Daiquiri Bay and Bay Of Stars (both York). SUNRATINGS' NAP: KLASSLEADER (3.35 York). THE JUDGE: TEN BOB TONY (3.00 York).

TIC-TAC: Left-handed, u-shaped track of 2m, 5f run-in. Races of 7f start on a spur. **DRAW:** Low numbers best on the straight track, especially when soft. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 180 have won out of 668 races (27%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 66 have won out of 253 races (26%). **JACKPOT:** 1-6. **LIVE ON RACING TV**

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 W Haggas 42-209, A Balding 39-221, K R Burke 34-296, K Ryan 27-325, R & P Fahey 26-434, R Beckett 24-143, J & T Gosden 23-114, D O'Meara 20-369, R Hannon 17-116, T Easterby 14-513. **THIS SEASON:** A Balding 8, W Haggas 6, J & T Gosden 5, K R Burke 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 T Marquand 33-205, W Buick 31-152, D Tudhope 28-278, O Murphy 26-156, R L Moore 24-128, R Ryan 21-152, P J McDonald 20-148, C Lee 18-171, O Orr 12-194, D Egan 11-101. **THIS SEASON:** W Buick 6, P J McDonald 5, J Doyle 4, R Ryan 4.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 1.50 Ridari M Clement to G Scott; **3.35 Love Me Tender** P Schiergen (Ger) to W P Mullins. **RACEFAX:** W Haggas won the 2.25 in 2019 & 2022. D O'Meara won the 4.10 in 2022 & 2023. W P Mullins won the 3.35 in 2023 & 2025. A Balding won the 2.25 in 2020, 2021 & 2025 and 3.00 in 2019 & 2025. C Appleby won the 2.25 in 2017 & 2018. **LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Tierra Del Toro** (2.25), **Glory Road** (2.25), **Dance A Jig** (4.45) trained by R Beckett, Kimpton Down, round trip of 502 miles; **Dain Ma Nut In** (5.20) trained by L Russell & M Scudamore, Kinross, round trip of 478 miles; **Bourbon Blues** (5.20), B Meehan, Manton, trip 452 miles.

IN THE MONEY

TOP EARNERS:

3.00 **Satono Reve** £4,747,219
3.00 **Lake Forest** £3,583,273
3.00 **Notable Speech** £2,654,119
4.10 **Annaf** £1,326,630

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: Air Force One (4.10) won at York (5f). **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** None. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** Native Warrior (3.00), Desert Falcon (4.10). **WEIGHTWATCHER:** None. **JOB JOCKEYS:** C T Keane rides **Jonquil** (1.50), **Tarriance** (3.35) for A Balding, 18 from 50, 36%. K Shoemark rides **Far Above Dream** (4.10) for James Owen, 9 from 27, 33%. C Rodriguez rides **Archivist** (1.50), **Fine Interview** (4.10) for H Al Jehani, 3 from 10, 30%. W Buick rides **Into The Light** (2.25), **Notable Speech** (3.00) for C Appleby, 845 from 2844, 30%. O Murphy rides **Sale Shark** (4.45) for H Palmer, 65 from 261, 25%. C Fallon rides **King Of Earth** (1.50), **Lake Forest** (3.00) for W Haggas, 211 from 916, 23%.

1.50 SKY BET STRENSALL STAKES (GROUP 3) winner £99,242; 1m 1f (13 runners)

1 1-1653 **DAMYSUS 28 (P★;BF,D)**
(5) J & T Gosden 4-9-10 .....**James Doyle** ●99
Runs: 10 Wins: 4 (F,A,GS,G) Places: 1 £227,487
Solid third in York Stakes latest, cheekpieces now tried, 3lb pen to defy

2 -53101 **ARCHIVIST 22 (H;C)**
(9) H Al Jehani 4-9-7 ....**Callum Rodriguez** 92
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 6 £200,062
Won Golden Mile handicap at Goodwood latest, this is much tougher

3 125367 **DIVIDEND 22 (D)**
(10) R Newland 4-9-7 .....**Rossa Ryan** 93
Runs: 20 Wins: 6 (F,3A) Places: 5 £306,674
Solid, never got a clear run at Goodwood last time, can get involved

4 996-22 **EXPANDED 97 (P★)**
(1) A O'Brien (Ire) 4-9-7 ..... **Ryan Moore** 96
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £145,378
Useful at this sort of level, new trip may bring out more in him, player

5 -71973 **JONQUIL 22**
(3) A Balding 4-9-7 ..... **Colin Keane** 98
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 1 £336,633
Bounced back to his best at Goodwood, touch of class, dangerous

6 81-525 **NAQEEB 42**
(13) J Camacho 6-9-7 .....**Ryan Sexton** 89
Runs: 22 Wins: 3 (A,GS,G) Places: 7 £212,464
Not disgraced when fifth in Grp 2 at Ascot latest, usually underestimated

7 -42521 **PERSICA 35 (D)**
(7) R Hannon 5-9-7 ..... **Sean Levey** 97
Runs: 25 Wins: 8 (S,2F,A,2GS,2G) Places: 2 £343,244
Won a Listed race at Newbury latest, no stamina doubts, strong fancy

8 67-942 **POINT LYNAS 27 (H;C)**
(4) E Bethell 7-9-7 .....**Jamie Spencer** 90
Runs: 34 Wins: 5 (2F,A,2G) Places: 12 £386,106
Useful pacepusher, decent rider booking but others appeal more

9 81-354 **RIDARI 70**
(2) G Scott 4-9-7. ..... **David Egan** 87
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (A,2GS) Places: 2 £272,438
Struggled in America, Group 2 winner last year, needs to find old spark

10 442412 **GERYON 23 (D)**
(6) G Lyons (Ire) 3-9-3. ..... **Gary Carroll** 95
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 4 £142,983
Excellent second over further at Goodwood latest, proven at this trip

11 121-30 **HANKELOW 83 (C)**
(11) K R Burke 3-9-0 .....**Clifford Lee** 92
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £117,441
Unexposed, third in French Guineas but flopped in French Derby, do better

12 2-2411 **KING OF EARTH 55 (D)**
(8) W Haggas 3-9-0. ..... **Cieren Fallon** 87
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £61,832
Progressive hcapper, stays well but this is a big step up in class, ignore

13 1-1634 **SABER STRIKE 22 (T★)**
(12) W Haggas 3-9-0. ..... **Tom Marquand** 91
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,G) £56,825
Frustrating to following, ground suits and this longer trip may help him

BETTING: 2 Damysus, 11-2 Persica, 13-2 Geryon, Hankelow, 11 Saber Strike, Archivist, 14 Jonquil, 16 Dividend, 20 Ridari, Expanded, Point Lynas, 25 Naqeeb, 33 King Of Earth

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 5 6 1 7

2025: King Of Cities 3-9-0, S Levey 11-1 (R Hannon), drw 1, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

DAMYSUS (9-8) 5-4 fav held up, ridden and edged left over 1f out, pressed for 2nd final 110 yards, kept on, 3rd of 5 (btn 3¼l) to Item (9-2) (York 1¼m Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good to firm).
ARCHIVIST (9-12) 11-1 took keen hold, midfield, headway final furlong, soon led and kept on well, bt Cerulean Bay (9-12) 1¼l (18 ran) (Goodwood 1m hcap (2) £90,195 good to firm).
JONQUIL (9-12) 9-2 slowly into stride, held up, switched left and ridden 2f out, kept on final furlong, went 3rd post, 3rd of 7 (btn ¾l) to Galen (9-7).
DIVIDEND (9-10) 14-1 slowly away, held up, ridden 2f out, not clear run entering final furlong, eased final 110yds, last (btn 3¾l) (Goodwood 1m 1f cond stk (2) £51,540 good to firm).
EXPANDED (9-11) 9-4 tracked leaders, under pressure 1f out, went 2nd 100 yards out, kept on well, btn hd by Wannabe Royal (9-6) (8 ran) (Naas 7f Listed (1) €30,000 good).
NAQEEB (9-3) 50-1 disputed lead, led 3f out, ridden 2f out, headed 1f out, faded final 110yds, 5th of 8 (btn 2¾l) to Zeus Olympios (9-3) **JONQUIL** (9-3) 14-1 always behind, 7th (btn 5l) (Ascot 1m Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good).
PERSICA (9-8) evens fav tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, led final furlong, ran on well, bt Oceans Four (8-13) ¾l (5 ran) (Newbury 1¼m Listed (1) £39,697 good to firm).
POINT LYNAS (9-7) 9-4 led, headed 1f out, kept on, held, btn 3¼l by Holloway Boy (9-7) (6 ran) (Pontefract 1m Listed (1) £33,612 good to firm).
RIDARI (8-6) 17-2 took keen hold, midfield, headway 1f out, weakened final 110yds, 4th of 6 (btn 3¼l) to Program Trading (8-6) (Monmouth Park 1m 1f all stk £60,000 good).
GERYON (9-6) 15-2 held up, still going okay 2f out, short of room over 1f out, soon ridden when in clear, went 2nd inside final furlong, kept on but not reach winner, btn 1¼l by Enceladus (9-3) (7 ran) (Goodwood 1¼m Grp 3 (1) £113,420 good to firm).
HANKELOW (9-2) 16-1 with leaders, weakened 2f out, 13th of 16 (btn 9¼l) to Constitution River (9-2) (Chantilly 1¼m Grp 1 (1) £708,347 good to soft).
KING OF EARTH (9-1) 4-1 fav tracked leader, led 1f out, stayed on well final furlong, all out, bt Summer Is Tomorrow (9-9) nk (16 ran) (Curragh 1m 1f hcap €60,000 good).
SABER STRIKE (9-3) 17-2 held up, headway 1f out, nearest finish, 4th of 7 (3¾l) to Shayem (9-3) (Goodwood 1m Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good to firm).

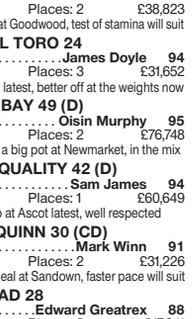
1.50 YORK — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	DAMYSUS	3	5	3	3	2	4	5	4	29/40
2	ARCHIVIST	2	2	3	2	4	2	3	3	21/40
3	DIVIDEND	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	4	14/40
4	EXPANDED	3	2	3	2	1	3	4	5	23/40
5	JONQUIL	3	3	3	5	1	1	3	3	22/40
6	NAQEEB	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	16/40
7	PERSICA	3	4	5	4	4	4	1	2	27/40
8	POINT LYNAS	4	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	18/40
9	RIDARI	3	2	3	2	3	1	2	1	17/40
10	GERYON	3	1	3	1	4	4	2	1	19/40
11	HANKELOW	5	2	3	2	3	5	3	3	26/40
12	KING OF EARTH	3	2	2	2	5	3	4	4	25/40
13	SABER STRIKE	4	2	3	1	3	3	4	2	22/40

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

1.50

GERYON can make the most of the drop back in trip after producing a career-best at Glorious Goodwood. Ger Lyons' (*below*) progressive three-year-old landed the Meld Stakes over 9f at Leopardstown before stepping up to 1½m for the Gordon Stakes. Despite carrying a penalty and meeting trouble, he finished a cracking second and pulled well clear of the rest. Returning to this trip looks ideal and he handles any ground. **Persica** is a serious danger after returning to winning ways in a Listed contest at Newbury. He had previously gone agonisingly close in the Diomed Stakes at Epsom on good to soft and brings rock-solid form. **Damysus** has yet to build on his impressive Earl of Sefton success but was third to Item last time which looks better now. First-time cheekpieces could sharpen him up. **Archivist** earned this rise in class with an impressive Golden Mile victory at Glorious Goodwood. He also likes it here but a strong pace may not play entirely to his strengths. **Jonquil** could be suited by how the race unfolds. He returned to form with a close third at Glorious Goodwood and his hold-up style should work well off what should be a brisk pace. **Hankelow** is also interesting back down in distance after failing to stay the French Derby trip, having finished third in the French 2,000 Guineas.



2.25 SKY BET MELROSE HANDICAP (2) 3-Y-O; winner £92,772; 1m 6f (17 runners)

1 1-1116 **LIMESTONE 39 (D)**
(6) J O'Brien (Ire) 9-9 ..... **Ryan Moore** 98
Runs: 7 Wins: 4 (F,S) Places: 2 £205,038
Classy, Group 1 test proved too much latest, this longer trip suits best

2 2-3131 **INFRAAD 24**
(4) W Haggas 9-1..... **Tom Marquand** ●99
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 3 £59,819
Snug win at Goodwood latest, this longer trip looks right up his street

3 12201 **INTO THE LIGHT 22**
(5) C Appleby 9-0 .....**William Buick** 97
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 2 £38,823
Resumed progress with a clear win at Goodwood, test of stamina will suit

4 12-394 **TIERRA DEL TORO 24**
(15) R Beckett 8-13 .....**James Doyle** 94
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £31,652
No match for Infraad at Goodwood latest, better off at the weights now

5 -12311 **MYTHICAL BAY 49 (D)**
(3) A Balding 8-10 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 95
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (F,A,GS) Places: 2 £76,748
Two wins on the bounce including a big pot at Newmarket, in the mix

6 -13161 **GALILEAN QUALITY 42 (D)**
(9) K R Burke 8-9 .....**Sam James** 94
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (S,F,2A) Places: 1 £60,649
Progressive, gritty win over this trip at Ascot latest, well respected

7 241212 **MY BALLYQUINN 30 (CD)**
(10) D O'Meara 8-7 .....**Mark Winn** 91
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 £31,226
Won here in June, small field not ideal at Sandown, faster pace will suit

8 2-321 **GLORY ROAD 28**
(17) R Beckett 8-6 .....**Edward Greatrex** 88
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £17,341
Won small hcap at Newcastle last time, longer trip will suit but bit to find

9 52-52 **SHARKEYBOY 26**
(2) W Mullins (Ire) 8-6 .....**Saffie Osborne** 94
Runs: 4 Places: 2 £8,256
Represents top yard, yet to win a race but he has plenty of staying talent

10 8-212 **WHO'S LOPE 56 (BF)**
(7) A Balding 8-4 ..... **Nicola Currie** 92
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £15,818
Lightly raced, fair second to My Ballyquinn in June, freshened up since

11 -232P3 **BALTIC FLEET 14 (V)**
(12) I Williams 8-4 ..... **Andrew Mullen** 83
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 3 £21,422
Back on track in a visor latest, longer trip remains unproven, ignore

12 -24512 **DEVIL'S PEAK 22 (B)**
(1) J & T Gosden 8-4. .....**Tyler Heard** 91
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £35,799
Strong-finishing second behind Into The Light latest, more to come

13 6-123 **BAY OF STARS 63**
(8) D Weld (Ire) 8-4 ..... **Ray Dawson** 97
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £20,298
Strong traveller, shade unlucky at Down Royal latest, on the shortlist

14 3316 **STEEL RAVEN 22**
(11) A Keatley 8-3 ..... **Barry McHugh** 90
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £9,771
Not disgraced on hcap debut at Goodwood latest, trip is a big unknown

15 -07231 **VANTAGE CODE 22 (H;D)**
(14) E Mullins (Ire) 8-2. .....**Rory Cleary** 92
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 Places: 2 £13,306
Routed rivals over this trip at Galway, 15lb higher mark demands more

16 -54933 **ENIAC 28**
(13) B Ellison 8-2 .....**Cam Hardie** 85
Runs: 7 Places: 3 £6,044
Eye-catching third at Newcastle latest, new trip worth exploring, e-w

17 34311 **PROBATION 30 (D)**
(16) K De Foy 8-2 .....**Harry Vigors (5)** 96
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 1 £22,477
Revelation since going hcapping, stays well and further progress possible

BETTING: 4 Limestone, 9-2 Infraad, 7 Into The Light, 10 Mythical Bay, Galilean Quality, 12 Probation, Sharkeyboy, Glory Road, 14 Vantage Code, Tierra Del Toro, Bay Of Stars, 16 My Ballyquinn, Devil's Peak, 20 Eniac, 33 Who's Lope, Baltic Fleet, 66 Steel Raven

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1 1-4 0 2

2025: Tarriance 9-9, C Keane 5-1 (A Balding), drawn 12, 12 ran.

Sunracing FORM

LIMESTONE (9-2) 17-2 with leaders, ridden and weakened 1f out, 6th of 7 (10l) to Maltese Cross (9-2) (Longchamp 1½m Grp 1 £283,339 good to soft).
INFRAAD (9-2) 2-1 fav midfield, pushed along and headway 2f out, led inside final furlong, drifted left final 110yds but always doing enough, bt Hatteen (9-0) hd **TIERRA DEL TORO** (9-9) 10-1 took keen hold, in touch with leaders, ridden 3f out, outpaced final furlong, kept on final 110yds, no danger, 4th (btn 6¾l) **BALTIC FLEET** (8-12) 25-1 bumped start, behind, tailed off 4f out, soon pulled up, (8 ran) (Goodwood 1½m hcap (2) £38,655 good to firm).
INTO THE LIGHT (9-7) 2-1 fav chased leaders, shaken up and made good headway 2f out, ridden to lead over 1f out, kept on well inside final furlong, bt **DEVIL'S PEAK** (9-1) 11-2 towards rear, switched left and made good headway over 1f out, soon ridden, went 2nd inside final furlong, kept on but no chance with winner, 1¾l **STEEL RAVEN** (9-5) 25-1 midfield, pushed along 2f out, faded, 6th (btn 5¾l) (13 ran) (Goodwood 1m 3f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
MYTHICAL BAY (9-6) 4-1 handy, pressed leader 1f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, pressed towards finish, just prevailed, bt Magnetude (9-9) ns (7 ran) (Newmarket 1¾m hcap (2) £51,540 good to firm).
GALILEAN QUALITY (9-2) 13-8 fav took keen hold, midfield, ridden to chase leader 2f out, headway to lead final furlong, briefly veered right inside final 110yds, always doing enough, bt Fireblade (10-2) ½l (6 ran) (Ascot 1¾m hcap (3) £16,200 good to firm).
PROBATION (8-3) 3-1 in touch in rear, ridden 2f out, led over 1f out, pushed out, bt **MY BALLYQUINN** (9-9) 13-8 took keen hold, close up, ridden to briefly lead over 1f out, always held final 110yds, 1¾l (3 ran) (Sandown 1¾m hcap (3) £12,885 good to firm).
GLORY ROAD (9-7) 6-4 fav chased leaders, ridden 2f out, kept on well to lead final furlong, always doing enough, bt Ruby Wedding (9-3) ¾l **ENIAC** (9-5) 14-1 towards rear, smooth headway 2f out, not clear run and switched left 1f out, kept on, 3rd (btn 1l) (13 ran) (Newcastle 1¼m hcap (4) £5,653 AW).
SHARKEYBOY (9-9) 7-1 mid-division, headway 2f out, soon ridden, improved to dispute lead inside final furlong, headed and no extra close home, btn nk by Madbadanddangerous (10-0) **VANTAGE CODE** (8-8) 10-3 fav tracked leaders, ridden straight, kept on without threatening in 3rd close home, 3rd (btn 1¾l) (15 ran) (Galway 1¼m hcap €12,000 yielding).
MY BALLYQUINN (9-1) 9-2 midfield, briefly short of room when shaken up 2f out, ridden and headway 1f out, drifted right when challenging inside final furlong, led final 50yds, kept on well, bt **WHO'S LOPE** (9-0) 8-13 fav led, shaken up 3f out, faced challenge final furlong, no extra and headed final 50yds, ¾l (8 ran) (York 1¾m hcap (4) £12,885 good).
BALTIC FLEET (9-10) 28-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, stayed on same pace inside final furlong, 3rd of 10 (btn 3¼l) to Archers Bay (10-2) (Ascot 1¼m hcap (3) £41,803 good to firm).
BAY OF STARS (8-9) 6-1 tracked leaders, ridden 1f out, kept on without threatening in 3rd close home, 3rd of 9 (btn 1¾l) to Madbadanddangerous (8-9) (Down Royal 1m 5f hcap €60,000 soft).
VANTAGE CODE (9-2) 15-8 fav mid-division, headway to lead travelling well 2f out, soon ridden clear, stayed on strongly, very easily, bt Espritroyale (8-12) 12l (18 ran) (Galway 1¾m hcap €10,200 yielding).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.25

BAY OF STARS can turn a luckless Ulster Derby run into Melrose glory. Dermot Weld's colt looked one to keep firmly on side at Down Royal where he repeatedly struggled for room before staying on strongly to finish third with plenty left in the tank. That came over 1m5f on soft and this slightly longer trip should be ideal. He had shown promise when scoring at Dundalk before finishing a close second on his handicap debut at Leopardstown. **Infraad** heads the dangers after landing a strong 1m4f handicap at Glorious Goodwood. William Haggas's colt had been unlucky himself at Chester and shapes as though this extra distance will suit. **Limestone** brings serious class after winning the Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot. He found the Grand Prix de Paris too sharp over 1m4f and this return to a proper stamina test is much more his bag. **Vantage Code** produced the most striking recent performance, absolutely bolting up by 12 lengths at the Galway Festival. He is much higher in the weights but a searching test clearly suits. **Sharkeyboy** is another Irish challenger to respect after going desperately close in a big-field Galway handicap on good to soft while **Devil's Peak** caught the eye when flying home for second at Glorious Goodwood. **Mythical Bay** is chasing a hat-trick and already proven over 1m6f while course winner **My Ballyquinn** should appreciate a strongly-run race after finding a tactical contest against him at Sandown.

2.25 YORK

	HORSE	Crs
1	LIMESTONE	4
2	INFRAAD	4
3	INTO THE LIGHT	4
4	TIERRA DEL TORO	4
5	MYTHICAL BAY	4
6	GALILEAN QUALITY	4
7	MY BALLYQUINN	5
8	GLORY ROAD	4
9	SHARKEYBOY	4
10	WHOS LOPE	4
11	BALTIC FLEET	3
12	DEVILS PEAK	4
13	BAY OF STARS	4
14	STEEL RAVEN	4
15	VANTAGE CODE	4
16	ENIAC	4
17	PROBATION	4

3.00 SKY BET CIT winner £340

1 7-1517 **L**
(5) W Ha
Runs: 19 Wins: 5
Won over this trip in

2 10-926 **M**
(3) A Ba
Runs: 13 Wins: 2
Too keen when belo

3 15-271 **N**
(6) K R
Runs: 17 Wins: 5
Bounced back with a

4 11-416 **M**
(1) C Ap
Runs: 17 Wins: 8
Five-time Group 1 wi

5 1/13-1 **P**
(13) E Be
Runs: 8 Wins: 5
Impressive 6f Group

6 /851-7 **P**
(9) R & I
Runs: 6 Wins: 3
Shock Grp 1 winner

7 -25712 **R**
(12) J Ow
Runs: 15 Wins: 6
Excellent second to

8 9-1223 **S**
(4) N Hc
Runs: 20 Wins: 9
Japanese raider, clas

9 -48114 **T**
(8) E Wa
Runs: 19 Wins: 5
Strong Group 1 form

10 9-1011 **F**
(10) A Ba
Runs: 22 Wins: 5
Classy mare, smooth

11 11-3 **L**
(14) D Ca
Runs: 3 Wins: 2
Gimcrack winner here

12 -27441 **P**
(7) R Ag
Runs: 11 Wins: 3
Powerful win in the M

13 11-460 **P**
(11) A O'
Runs: 11 Wins: 3
Classy juvenile, but y

14 114-25 **Z**
(2) E J-H
Runs: 7 Wins: 4
Retains all old ability

BETTING: 11-4 Notable S
15-2 Satono Reve, 10 Ten
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WHERE FAVOURITES FI

2025: Never So Brave 4-9-8

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: 1.50, 2.25, 3.00, 3.35 & 4.10

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS

5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR

Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
5	2	3	5	5	1	5	30/40
2	2	5	4	4	4	3	28/40
2	2	3	2	3	5	4	25/40
2	2	3	1	1	2	4	19/40
4	5	4	3	4	3	4	31/40
4	2	4	4	4	3	2	27/40
1	2	3	1	1	1	1	15/40
2	2	3	4	3	2	2	22/40
2	2	3	2	1	4	3	21/40
1	2	3	1	1	3	1	16/40
2	4	3	3	1	1	1	18/40
2	3	3	1	2	4	1	20/40
2	2	3	2	2	1	3	19/40
2	2	3	1	1	3	1	17/40
2	2	3	1	2	1	1	16/40
2	2	3	1	1	1	1	15/40
2	2	3	3	1	2	2	20/40

Y OF YORK STAKES (GROUP 1)
0,260; 7f (14 runners)

AKE FOREST 24 (C,D)
aggas 5-9-8 ..... **Cieren Fallon 97**
5 (3F,2G) Places: 5 £3,583,273
Lennox, unlucky in Group 1 latest, strong fancy

MARVELMAN 25 (D)
alding 4-9-8 ..... **P J McDonald 86**
2 (S,A) Places: 6 £150,647
w form last time, needs to settle, sneaky outsider

IATIVE WARRIOR 72 (V;D)
Burke 5-9-8 ..... **Clifford Lee 90**
5 (2S,A,GS,G) Places: 6 £257,983
a 7f Group 3 win in Ireland latest, loves soft ground

IOTABLE SPECKLED 67 (BF)
ppleby 5-9-8 ..... **William Buick ●99**
3 (F,3A,4G) Places: 2 £2,654,119
ner, below best at Royal Ascot latest, hard to beat

ABORUS 56 (D)
thell 5-9-8 ..... **James Doyle 96**
5 (S,F,2A,G) Places: 1 £95,920
3 winner at Newcastle latest, stays 7f, dangerous

OWERFUL GLORY 91
P Fahey 4-9-8 ..... **Jamie Spencer 88**
3 (F,S,G) £392,898
ast year, Spencer gets on well with him, e-w best

OGUE DIPLOMAT 25 (D)
ven 4-9-8 ..... **Harry Davies 90**
6 (S,2F,A,2GS) Places: 2 £239,062
Lake Forest at Goodwood, easier ground will suit

ATONO REVE 42 (BF)
ori (Jpn) 7-9-8 ..... **Joao Moreira 97**
9 (A,2F,4G) Places: 7 £4,747,219
ssy sprinter but step up to 7f could bring out more

EN BOB TONY 24 (D)
alker 5-9-8 ..... **Kieran Shoemark 98**
5 (S,F,GS,2G) Places: 2 £737,910
ately, trip no issue and more rain the better, go well

LORA OF BERMUDA 24 (C,D)
alding 5-9-5 ..... **Oisin Murphy 94**
5 (S,3F,GS) Places: 7 £561,182
n win over 7f at Goodwood, likes it here, fancied

IFEPLAN 20 (C)
rroll 3-9-3 ..... **Zak Wheatley 91**
2 (F,G) Places: 1 £153,631
e last year, encouraging return at Chester latest, e-w

OWER BLUE 34 (D)
guiar 3-9-3 ..... **David Egan 93**
3 (S,F,G) Places: 2 £348,756
linstrel Stakes at the Curragh, one to watch closely

UERTO RICO 24 (P★;D)
Brien (Ire) 3-9-3 ..... **Ryan Moore 89**
3 (G) Places: 2 £517,925
et to show much spark this season, check betting

AVATERI 24 (D)
Houghton 3-9-3. ... **Charles Bishop 95**
4 (2F,G) Places: 1 £448,350
judged on Sussex effort, strong claims back in trip

Speech, 9-2 Lake Forest, 11-2 Zavateri,
Bob Tony, 12 Power Blue, Paborus, 14
Bermuda, 20 Marvelman, 25 Puerto Rico,
50 Powerful Glory

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B, O Murphy 7-2 (A Balding), drw 7, 10 ran.

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off a strong
-way double
(3.00 York) who has
the highest level and
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3.00 YORK

TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS

5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	LAKE FOREST	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	24/40
2	MARVELMAN	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	2	16/40
3	NATIVE WARRIOR	3	2	2	2	3	2	4	3	21/40
4	NOTABLE SPEECH	3	2	3	2	1	2	5	4	22/40
5	PABORUS	2	5	3	2	4	2	3	4	25/40
6	POWERFUL GLORY	3	2	3	5	1	1	1	2	18/40
7	ROGUE DIPLOMAT	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	2	22/40
8	SATONO REVE	3	2	3	1	4	5	1	1	20/40
9	TEN BOB TONY	3	3	5	4	2	4	2	3	26/40
10	FLORA OF BERMUDA	4	3	4	3	2	4	3	4	27/40
11	LIFEPLAN	5	2	3	2	5	1	1	1	20/40
12	POWER BLUE	3	1	3	1	2	4	2	1	17/40
13	PUERTO RICO	3	1	3	1	1	1	4	5	19/40
14	ZAVATERI	3	4	3	4	4	3	1	1	23/40

Sunracing FORM

TEN BOB TONY (9-10) 16-1 keen, held up in midfield, kept on final furlong, nearest finish, 4th of 12 (btn 2³/₄l) to Bow Echo (9-2) **ZAVATERI** (9-2) 25-1 took keen hold, held up, not clear run 2f out, bumped 1f out, no danger, 5th (btn 4¹/₄l) **LAKE FOREST** (9-10) 17-2 keen, held up, briefly ridden when not clear run 1f out, kept on, 7th (btn 6l) **PUERTO RICO** (9-2) 40-1 midfield, ridden and dropped to rear 2f out, soon outpaced, 11th (btn 11l) (12 ran) (Goodwood 1m Grp 1 (1) £850,650 good to firm).

LAKE FOREST (9-6) 10-11 fav towards rear, pushed along 2f out, stayed on well to lead closing stages, bt **ROGUE DIPLOMAT** (9-6) 16-1 held up, strong run final furlong, took 2nd towards finish, not trouble winner, nk **MARVELMAN** (9-6) 9-1 tracked leaders, pushed along 2f out, faded 1f out, 6th (4¹/₄l) (8 ran) (Goodwood 7f Grp 2 (1) £113,420 good).

NATIVE WARRIOR (9-9) 6-4 fav rear of mid-division, stayed on to lead closing stages, kept on well, bt Audience (9-9) ³/₄l (7 ran) (Leopardstown 7f Grp 3 (1) €42,000 soft).

TEN BOB TONY (9-2) 50-1 held up, shaken up 2f out, ridden to lead final 110yds, kept on well, bt More Thunder (9-2) ¹/₂l **NOTABLE SPEECH** (9-2) 9-4 fav midfield, shaken up 2f out, outpaced 1f out, plugged on, 6th (4l) (9 ran) (Ascot 1m Grp 1 (1) £453,680 good to firm).

PABORUS (9-5) 15-2 midfield, progress 2f out, led 1f out, ran on well, bt **MARVELMAN** (9-10) 17-2 took keen hold, prominent, pushed along 1f out, held by winner, 1¹/₂l (11 ran) (Newcastle 6f Grp 3 (1) £53,874 AW).

POWERFUL GLORY (9-8) 6-1 towards rear, pushed along 2f out, kept on one pace close home, 7th of 10 (btn 4³/₄l) to Comanche Brave (9-5) (Curragh 6f Grp 2 (1) €78,000 good).

SATONO REVE (9-8) 2-1 fav close up, led 3f out, headed 1f out, kept on gamely, 3rd of 11 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Comanche Brave (9-8) (Newmarket 6f Grp 1 (1) £453,680 good to firm).

FLORA OF BERMUDA (9-9) 5-2 fav took keen hold, rear of midfield, headway to lead final furlong, always doing enough, bt Sayidah Dariyan (9-6) nk (13 ran) (Goodwood 7f Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good to firm).

LIFEPLAN (9-1) 9-1 led, ridden 2f out, headed inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 9 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Simplify (8-10) (Chester 6f Listed (1) £34,026 good).

POWER BLUE (9-3) 11-10 fav tracked leader, improved 1f out, led final 150 yards, ran on well closing stages, bt Big Gossey (9-10) 1¹/₂l (7 ran) (Curragh 7f Grp 2 (1) €78,000 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

ZAVATERI can topple the older stars in a red-hot City Of York Stakes. Eve Johnson Houghton's colt established himself among last season's leading juveniles when beating Gstaad in the National Stakes and his two runs this year suggest he has trained on. He chased home a smart rival in the Greenham before a setback kept him out until the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood. Thrown straight into Group 1 company, he travelled strongly and finished a highly encouraging fifth despite meeting some trouble. Dropping back from a mile to a strongly-run 7f should suit and he has already won at the trip on good to soft. The weight allowance helps too. Japanese raider **Satono Reve** is a major danger. He was touched off in the QEII Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot before finishing third in the July Cup and his prominent style could be well suited to this track. He's won over a mile so should stay. **Notable Speech** bounced back to his brilliant best in the Lockinge before disappointing again at Royal Ascot and this sharper test could suit. **Lake Forest** loves 7f and landed the Lennox Stakes at Glorious Goodwood before enduring a luckless run in the Sussex just 24 hours later. He has a habit of missing the kick but a clean break would give him a huge say. **Ten Bob Tony** brings top-class form after winning the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot but a mile would suit better while **Rogue Diplomat** arrives on the upgrade after his Royal Hunt Cup win and narrow Lennox defeat. He likes soft ground so any more rain would be a bonus.

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TODAY'S PICKS AT YORK

LEG 1.....Geryon, Damysus
LEG 2.....Bay Of Stars, Infraad
LEG 3.....Zavateri, Satono Reve
LEG 4.....Mr Hollywood, Klassleader
LEG 5.....Evening Saigon, Dance In The Storm
LEG 6.....Hickory Lad, Dance A Jig

3.35 SKY BET EBOR HANDICAP (2) value to the winner £300,000; 1m 6f (22 runners)

1 9-3112 OPPORTUNITY 21 (BF)
(6) W Haggas 4-9-12 ..... **James Doyle 97**
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 2 £137,468
Classy, ran well when second in Group 3 latest, leading contender

2 553465 EPIC POET 42 (D)
(7) D O'Meara 7-9-11 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 90**
Runs: 30 Wins: 5 (GS,2G) Places: 11 £904,109
Touch of class, likes it here but plenty of weight to carry, place hope

3 313553 PARADIAS 50
(2) A King 7-9-9 ..... **Kieran Shoemark 87**
Runs: 35 Wins: 6 (F,3A,GS,G) Places: 10 £206,705
Big effort in a Listed contest at Sandown last time, tough task off high mark

4 0-4604 FURTHUR 50 (P★)
(16) A Balding 4-9-8 ..... **Oisin Murphy 89**
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £166,545
Useful stayer at best, yet to show much spark but ground likely to suit

5 21-201 SPINNING WHEEL 16
(24) S & E Crisford 4-9-8(5ex) **Mason Paetel (5) 91**
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (A,2GS,G) Places: 2 £50,966
Won well at Southwell latest, 5lb penalty to defy and this is a big ask

6 7-3854 TARRIANCE 21 (CD)
(12) A Balding 4-9-7 ..... **Colin Keane 97**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £334,998
Won Melrose here last year, eyecatcher at Goodwood latest, lots to like

7 2541-3 MR HOLLYWOOD J24
(20) W Mullins (Ire) 6-9-7 ... **Saffie Osborne 93**
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (2S,GS) Places: 7 £336,685
Strong stayer, third at Royal Ascot and recent winner over hurdles, e-w

8 353-11 DAIQUIRI BAY 67 (D)
(1) A King 4-9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan 96**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 5 £145,756
Progressive, won two top hcaps at Newmarket and Royal Ascot, respected

9 29-361 HOPEWELL ROCK 21 (D)
(3) G Boughey 4-9-7(5ex) .**Callum Rodriguez 95**
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (F,S,G) Places: 3 £111,883
Won well at Goodwood, second has gone in since, leading contender

10 -43544 EMIT 64
(11) J O'Brien (Ire) 4-9-6 ..... **Ryan Moore 97**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 6 £104,292
Irish raider, caught the eye in a top hcp at Royal Ascot, long been plan

11 15-632 PADDY THE SQUIRE 49
(14) I Jardine 6-9-6 ..... **Andrew Mullen 91**
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (S,2F,G) Places: 9 £226,018
Strong stayer, solid second at Newmarket latest, track wil suit, fancied

12 06-317 POETIC SOUND 57 (P★;D)
(22) G Lyons (Ire) 5-9-4 ..... **Gary Carroll 87**
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (S) Places: 2 £52,991
Useful, but probably high enough in the weights, wide draw no help

13 -12617 ALIGN THE STARS 21 (D)
(17) C Johnston 5-9-3 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 89**
Runs: 27 Wins: 5 (F,2A,GS,G) Places: 5 £291,265
Won Plate at Newcastle, owner desperate to win this race, e-w claims

14 937060 BURDETT ROAD 21
(4) J Owen 6-9-3 ..... **Harry Davies 83**
Runs: 26 Wins: 4 (S,2F,A) Places: 4 £172,098
Out of form this season, down in the weights but needs to bounce back

15 236084 BEYLERBEYI 43 (H;C)
(21) I Williams 6-9-3. ..... **Clifford Lee 91**
Runs: 45 Wins: 9 (2F,2A,2GS,2G) Places: 13 £272,299
Stout stayer, given tender ride at Newmarket, will be at his peak today

16 5-2708 STRESSFREE 21
(5) D O'Meara 6-9-1. ..... **Mark Winn 89**
Runs: 33 Wins: 4 (3S,G) Places: 13 £177,547
Solid fourth in this last year, 2lb lower this time, not without a chance

17 212-17 KLASSLEADER 49 (BF,C)
(13) W Haggas 4-9-0 ..... **Tom Marquand ●99**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 2 £47,080
Taking win here in May, disappointing latest but has right profile for this

18 26-706 ASCENDING 16
(9) H Bromhead (Ire) 7-9-0 ..... **Oisin Orr 98**
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (S,F,A,G) Places: 6 £212,104
Runner-up in this last year, gets in off same mark, strongly fancied

19 31-211 SQUARE NECKER 63
(23) K De Foy 4-8-13 ..... **David Egan 92**
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (S,A,G) Places: 2 £56,033
Progressive with two hcap wins, no stamina doubts but drawn wide

20 407707 REAL DREAM 43 (D)
(10) I Williams 7-8-12 ..... **Cieren Fallon 86**
Runs: 24 Wins: 3 (F,A,GS) Places: 4 £199,183
Better than latest after traffic problems, fifth in this last year, each-way

21 46-500 CIRCUS OF ROME 56
(8) R Hughes 4-8-12. ..... **Jamie Spencer 83**
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (2A,G) Places: 2 £57,584
Below expectations in Plate at Newcastle latest, others appeal more

22 114- LOVE ME TENDER 299
(15) W Mullins (Ire) 4-8-12 .... **William Buick 97**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (G) £15,819
French recruit, joined powerful yard who target this race, one to watch

BETTING: 5 Tarriance, 7 Klassleader, Emit, 8 Love Me Tender, 10 Daiquiri Bay, Opportunity, Beylerbeyi, Mr Hollywood, Hopewell Rock, 14 Square Necker, 16 Poetic Sound, 20 Paddy The Squire, Ascending, 33 Paradias, Stressfree, Spinning Wheel, Circus Of Rome

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0-0 0 2 1 1

2025: Ethical Diamond 5-9-8, W Buick 5-1F (W P Mullins Ire), drw 21, 22 ran.

PROBETS

PAST YORK EBOR FESTIVAL WINNERS: 1.50 Point Lynas; 3.00 Lake Forest, Lifeplan; 3.35 Tarriance; 4.10 Air Force One; 5.20 Thunder Run, Dain Ma Nut In.

CLASS ACT: OPPORTUNITY (3.35 York) has won all three runs in this Class 2 company.

HOT TRAINER: Jamie Snowden is running at 75% winners in the past fortnight and runs just HANDLETHEKETTLE (4.15 Newton Abbot).

TOP TEAM: Harry Reed has ridden ARCTIC VOYAGE four times (4.52 Newton Abbot) with three wins and a place.

GAMBLED ON: LAKE FOREST (3.00 York) was backed at Goodwood.

3.35 YORK

TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS

5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	OPPORTUNITY	2	2	2	5	4	5	5	4	29/40
2	EPIC POET	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	12/40
3	PARADIAS	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	18/40
4	FURTHUR	3	3	2	4	1	1	4	4	22/40
5	SPINNING WHEEL	2	2	5	3	3	4	3	1	23/40
6	TARRIANCE	4	4	2	3	1	3	4	3	24/40
7	MR HOLLYWOOD	2	2	2	1	3	3	4	2	19/40
8	DAIQUIRI BAY	4	5	2	4	4	4	3	4	30/40
9	HOPEWELL ROCK	2	4	1	2	4	4	4	3	24/40
10	EMIT	2	1	2	1	3	3	3	5	20/40
11	PADDY THE SQUIRE	1	1	2	1	3	4	1	1	14/40
12	POETIC SOUND	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	16/40
13	ALIGN THE STARS	2	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	23/40
14	BURDETT ROAD	3	2	2	4	1	1	3	1	17/40
15	BEYLERBEYI	3	1	3	1	2	2	1	3	16/40
16	STRESSFREE	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	9/40
17	KLASSLEADER	5	4	4	3	4	2	5	2	29/40
18	ASCENDING	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	12/40
19	SQUARE NECKER	2	2	3	4	5	4	3	1	24/40
20	REAL DREAM	1	2	2	1	1	1	4	1	13/40
21	CIRCUS OF ROME	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	11/40
22	LOVE ME TENDER	2	2	2	2	3	1	4	4	20/40

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OPPORTUNITY (9-3) 15-8 fav handy, shaken up 2f out, ran on inside final furlong, not pace of winner, btn 1¹/₄l by Emfjaar (9-3) (8 ran) (Goodwood 1¹/₂m Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good to firm).

EPIC POET (9-0) 8-1 tracked leaders, pushed along under 3f out, no impression and faded 1f out, 5th of 6 (btn 7¹/₄l) to Mount Atlas (9-0) (York 1¹/₂m Grp 3 (1) £56,710 good to firm).

PARADIAS (9-2) 10-3 in touch, ridden 3f out, soon outpaced, no danger, 3rd of 4 (btn 3l) to Lazy Griff (9-2) **FURTHUR** (9-2) 6-1 took keen hold, prominent, dropped to last 3f out, weakened 2f out, last (12l) (Sandown 2m Listed (1) £34,026 good).

SPINNING WHEEL (9-10) 7-2 held up, headway 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, not strong enough to lead inside final furlong, bt Say What You See (8-10) nk (12 ran) (Southwell 1m 3f hcap (2) £15,702 AW).

PARADIAS (9-2) 10-3 in touch, ridden 3f out, soon outpaced, no danger, 3rd of 4 (btn 3l) to Lazy Griff (9-2) **FURTHUR** (9-2) 6-1 took keen hold, prominent, dropped to last 3f out, weakened 2f out, last (12l) (Sandown 2m Listed (1) £34,026 good).

HOPEWELL ROCK (9-8) 5-1 rear of mid-division, going well 2f out, ridden to lead 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, bt Small Fry (8-13) ³/₄l by Emfjaar (9-3) (8 ran) (Goodwood 1¹/₂m Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good to firm).

ALIGN THE STARS (9-8) 20-1 chased leaders, shaken up 3f out, weakened 1f out, 7th (btn 7¹/₄l) **STRESSFREE** (9-6) 40-1 stumbled start, midfield, well over 3f out, made no impression, 8th (btn 10l) **BURDETT ROAD** (9-3) 25-1 slowly away, held up, never on terms, 11th (btn 13l) (13 ran) (Goodwood 1¹/₂m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).

MR HOLLYWOOD (9-4) 16-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, went third over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, 3rd of 13 (btn 3l) to Illinois (9-4) (Ascot 2¹/₂m cond stk (2) £64,800 good to firm).

DAIQUIRI BAY (9-12) 6-1 held up, shaken up 2f out, led inside final furlong, just did enough, bt Gamrai (9-11) hd **PADDY THE SQUIRE** (9-12) 22-1 midfield, ran on inside final furlong, went third final 110yds, 3rd (btn 2l) **ASCENDING** (9-12) 6-1 in touch, weakened 1f out, 10th (btn 11l) **STRESSFREE** (9-12) 22-1 mid-division, outpaced 2f out, faded, 11th (12l) **REAL DREAM** (9-11) 25-1 weakened 1f out, 13th (19l) (16 ran) (Ascot 1¹/₂m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).

OPPORTUNITY (9-7) 6-1 midfield, headway to lead final furlong, kept on well, bt Warrant Holder (9-12) 1³/₄l **EMIT** (9-11) 11-2 midfield, headway final furlong, stayed on towards finish, 4th (btn 5¹/₄l) **HOPEWELL ROCK** (9-8) 3-1 fav midfield, outpaced 2f out, kept on same pace, 6th (btn 8l) **BURDETT ROAD** (9-12) 40-1 in rear, one pace over 1f out, 10th (btn 12l) (17 ran) (Ascot 1¹/₂m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).

PADDY THE SQUIRE (9-10) 8-1 handy, ran on inside final furlong, held towards finish, btn ¹/₂l by Sportingsilvermine (8-9) **BURDETT ROAD** (9-12) 22-1 front rank, ridden 2f out, faded 1f out, 6th (btn 7l) **KLASSLEADER** (9-7) 6-5 fav rear of midfield, struggling 4f out, lost ground 3f out, never involved, 7th (btn 11l) (12 ran) (Newmarket 1¹/₂m hcap (2) £64,425 good to firm).

POETIC SOUND (10-2) 5-1 mid-division, ridden 2f out, no extra, 7th of 11 (5²/₄l) to Reverend Hubert (9-2) (Curragh 2m hcap €21,000 good to firm).

BEYLERBEYI (9-9) 16-1 in rear, progress 1f out, short of room near finish and eased, unlucky, 4th of 10 (btn 2l) to Valedictory (9-1) **REAL DREAM** (9-3) 50-1 midfield, short of room 2f out, asked for effort and lost position well over 1f out, soon held, 7th (btn 4¹/₄l) (Newmarket 1¹/₂m (2) £51,540 good to firm).

ASCENDING (9-9) 40-1 in rear, kept on one pace inside final furlong, never a factor, 6th of 7 (8³/₄l) to Ethical Diamond (9-9) (Leopardstown 1¹/₂m Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good).

SQUARE NECKER (9-7) 4-1 pressed leader, ridden to lead over 1f out, readily, bt Ashnak (9-4) 1³/₄l (12 ran) (Ayr 1m 5f hcap (2) £21,600 soft).

ALIGN THE STARS (9-6) 10-1 rear of mid-division, ridden 3f out, led over 1f out, stayed on well inside final furlong, bt Kirchner (8-12) 1¹/₄l **CIRCUS OF ROME** (9-7) 8-1 mid-division, effort 3f out, never on terms, 10th (btn 6¹/₄l) (20 ran) (Newcastle 2m hcap (2) £77,310 AW).

LOVE ME TENDER (8-13) 16-1 keen, midfield, outpaced 2f out, kept on, 4th of 7 (btn 2l) to Azimpour (8-13) (Chantilly 1¹/₄m Listed £20,785 heavy).

THIS WAY FOR REST OF YORK

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

MR HOLLYWOOD can give Willie Mullins his third Ebor win in four years. The six-year-old brings a mix of Flat and jumps form. He was an excellent third in the Queen Alexandra at Royal Ascot before winning over hurdles at Galway and stamina won't be an issue. He handles any ground and a strong gallop should play to his strengths. **Daiquiri Bay** is chasing a hat-trick after winning the Copper Horse at Royal Ascot and already boasts a Melrose third over this C&D. Last year's Melrose winner **Tarriance** likes it here and advertised his wellbeing with a cracking fourth at Glorious Goodwood. **Klassleader** is another with strong York credentials. He impressed here on good to soft at the Dante meeting before finding firm ground against him in the Old Newton Cup. **Emit** and **Paddy The Squire** bring solid Royal Ascot form and are capable of hitting the frame while last year's runner-up **Ascending** could revive over a more suitable stamina test.

3.35

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Favourite YET MORE COLOURS, TIPS AND SUPER

REST OF YORK EBOR FESTIVAL COLOURS

4.10 SKY BET CONSTANTINE HANDICAP (2) winner £69,579; 6f (20 runners)

1 283126 **STRATUSNINE 3 (CD)**
(13) H Palmer 4-9-12 ..... **Harry Davies 95**
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 8 £185,962
Runner-up in Stewards' Cup, drawn on wide side here on Wed, do better

2 -01917 **SONDAD 21 (V;D)**
(7) M & D Easterby 5-9-12 .. **Joanna Mason 91**
Runs: 18 Wins: 6 (2S,2F,A,GS) Places: 4 £176,546
Seventh in Stewards' Cup, best form on undulating tracks, each-way

3 724800 **GOLDEN MIND 28 (D)**
(6) R & P Fahey 5-9-8 ..... **Oisin Orr 84**
Runs: 28 Wins: 4 (F,S,2A) Places: 6 £166,335
Three poor efforts since fine Ascot fourth, ground fine but bit to prove

4 0-1271 **EVENING SAIGON 21 (D)**
(4) H Al Jehani 4-9-8 ..... **James Doyle 98**
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (S,F,2A) Places: 2 £165,172
Stewards' Cup hero, goes on any ground, lightly-raced profile offers more

5 1-1146 **FAR ABOVE DREAM 21 (D)**
(12) J Owen 4-9-7 ..... **Kieran Shoemark 96**
Runs: 15 Wins: 5 (S,4G) Places: 2 £90,621
Solid 4th & 6th in deep 6f hcaps, drying ground ideal, remains competitive

6 119-10 **FINE INTERVIEW 77 (BF,D)**
(1) H Al Jehani 5-9-7 .... **Callum Rodriguez 89**
Runs: 17 Wins: 6 (5S,GS) Places: 5 £64,142
Poor fav latest but strong previous 6f form, needs to bounce back

7 0-1501 **DANCE IN THE STORM 20 (H)**
(11) A Balding 4-9-7 ..... **Oisin Murphy 98**
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G) Places: 2 £71,481
Back to winning ways over 7f at Chester latest, first crack at 6f a query

8 600370 **ANNAF 21 (D)**
(16) M Appleby 7-9-6 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 88**
Runs: 49 Wins: 9 (2S,F,5A,G) Places: 10 £1,326,630
Latest only fair after two better efforts, 6f suits, reduced mark gives hope

9 127840 **POCKLINGTON 28 (V;D)**
(10) G Oldroyd 5-9-6 ..... **Clifford Lee 87**
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 5 £104,501
Below form over C&D latest, though 6f suits, needs to rediscover best

10 117008 **FAHRENHEIT SEVEN 14 (D)**
(15) R Cowell 5-9-5 ..... **Ray Dawson 86**
Runs: 19 Wins: 7 (3A,GS,3G) Places: 3 £106,912
Recent efforts have been poor, 6f is within range but jury's out at present

11 510786 **KING OF LIGHT 12 (BF,D)**
(9) S Williams 4-9-5 ..... **Ryan Moore 94**
Runs: 24 Wins: 4 (S,F,GS,G) Places: 4 £100,477
Shaped better than 6th latest, stays 6f, Ryan up, competitive off this mark

12 160453 **TOCA MADERA 3 (BF,D)**
(14) D O'Meara 5-9-4 ..... **Daniel Tudhope 96**
Runs: 28 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 8 £140,064
Excellent effort latest despite trouble, looks primed for another big run

13 10-609 **FLASH HARRY 21 (D)**
(17) C Cox 4-9-4 ..... **Rossa Ryan 83**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 3 £43,515
Best run this term latest, 6f and good ground suit, but more required in this

14 7-4416 **PURE LEGEND 21**
(5) K Ryan 4-9-4 ..... **Kevin Stott 90**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 2 £67,368
Encouraging British debut over 1m, sharp drop to 6f is major unknown

15 56-000 **HAMMER THE HAMMER 21 (P★;D)**
(18) K Ryan 4-9-4 ..... **Shane Gray 87**
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (2A,G) Places: 2 £76,788
Three poor runs this term, stays 6f but needs a major revival, risky

16 7-9180 **REALIGN 21 (D)**
(2) W Haggas 4-9-4 ..... **Tom Marquand 90**
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (2F,GS) Places: 2 £43,667
Latest two efforts only fair, now below last winning mark but needs more

17 105331 **AIR FORCE ONE 3 (V;C)**
(3) G Oldroyd 5-9-4(5ex) .... **P J McDonald ●99**
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (GS,2G) Places: 5 £148,573
Won here on Wed, 5lb penalty no issue and bold bid expected again

18 312-09 **DESERT FALCON 77 (D)**
(8) J Camacho 6-9-3 ..... **Ryan Sexton 82**
Runs: 20 Wins: 6 (3F,GS,2G) Places: 6 £123,353
Two poor efforts this term, 6f suits but current form leaves plenty to prove

19 112451 **RED SPELLS DANGER 14 (D)**
(19) T Easterby 3-9-3. ..... **David Allan 98**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 4 £118,021
Reliable sort, impressive win latest but much deeper company now

20 726262 **COUL ANGEL 28 (D)**
(20) M Appleby 4-9-2 ..... **Saffie Osborne 93**
Runs: 22 Wins: 5 (4A,G) Places: 8 £95,214
Excellent second here latest from poor draw, strong claims once more

BETTING: 6 Red Spells Danger, 13-2 Dance In The Storm, 8 Air Force One, Far Above Dream, 10 Toca Madera, Sondad
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 1 1 3-4
2025: Northern Ticker 3-9-5, D Tudhope 12-1 (M Dods), drw 10, 20 ran.

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

4.10

EVENING SAIGON is the one to be with after his Stewards' Cup success at Goodwood, where he showed plenty of determination to edge out Stratusnine. Still lightly raced for a four-year-old sprinter, he looks the type with more to offer. His earlier second at Goodwood and respectable Wokingham seventh underline the strength of his form, while a low draw looks another positive in a race where those high could have it tough. He goes on any ground and should be right there. **Stratusnine** is an obvious danger after another creditable effort here on Wednesday, while **Sondad** has enjoyed an excellent campaign and is proven in softer conditions. **Dance In The Storm** is particularly interesting dropping from 7f, having often raced freely and the strong gallop over this trip should suit. The stable's on fire too. **Air Force One** arrives at the top of his game following Wednesday's course success, while **Toca Madera** also ran well in that contest. **Far Above Dream** remains admirably consistent in races likes this so could reward each-way support.

Sun FORM

AIR FORCE ONE (8-13) 13-2 slowly away, soon mid-division, shaken up and made good headway 2f out, ridden to lead over 1f out, kept on well inside final furlong, readily, bt Corolla Point (9-8) 1¹/₄l
TOCA MADERA (9-4) 5-1 jt fav front rank, going easily 2f out, ridden to lead briefly over 1f out, lost 2nd inside final furlong, no extra towards finish, 3rd (btn 2¹/₄l)
STRATUSNINE (9-12) 17-2 chased leaders, shaken up 3f out, ridden 2f out, plugged on 1f out, not pace to challenge, 6th (btn 4¹/₄l) (21 ran) (York 5f (2) £69,579 good).
EVENING SAIGON (9-0) 16-1 held up in behind leaders, headway 2f out, drifted right but ridden to lead 1f out, faced sustained challenge inside final furlong, kept on well, bt **STRATUSNINE** (9-5) 25-1 prominent, shaken up over 2f out, ridden to lead briefly over 1f out, forced sustained duel with winner inside final furlong, kept on, hd
TOCA MADERA (9-0) 25-1 took keen hold tracking leaders, going well but not clear run repeatedly 1f out, ridden and kept on well when in clear final furlong, eyecatcher, 5th (btn 1¹/₄l)
FAR ABOVE DREAM (9-3) 6-1 tracked leaders, shaken up 2f out, ridden and headway over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, not pace to challenge, 6th (btn 2l)
SONDAD (9-8) 9-1 midfield, nudged along 3f out, ridden and outpaced 2f out, switched right and plugged on inside final furlong, never dangerous, 7th (btn 2¹/₄l)
KING OF LIGHT (9-1) 33-1 mid-division, shaken up over 2f out, making headway when briefly short of room 1f out, kept on until no extra inside final furlong, 8th (btn 2¹/₄l)
FLASH HARRY (8-13) 33-1 stumbled start, tracked leader, drifted right when ridden over 1f out, headway 1f out, no chance with leaders inside final furlong, no extra final 110yds, 9th (btn 3¹/₄l)
ANNAF (9-4) 40-1 slowly away, raced far side, in rear, never a factor, 11th (btn 3³/₄l)
REALIGN (9-2) 20-1 held up in rear, never on terms, 16th (btn 4¹/₄l)
HAMMER THE HAMMER (9-10) 33-1 led, ridden along over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 21st (btn 9l) (27 ran) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £128,850 good to firm).
GOLDEN MIND (9-12) 66-1 in rear, lost touch 1f out, 15th of 16 (btn 11l) to Amazing Journey (8-10) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £77,310 good to firm).
SONDAD (9-1) 11-2 held up in rear, ridden over 2f out, progress well over 1f out, led final furlong, ran on, bt Invictus Gold (9-8) 1³/₄l
FINE INTERVIEW (9-8) 15-8 fav held up in rear, struggling 3f out, never involved, 13th (btn 9¹/₄l) (15 ran) (Epsom 6f hcap (2) £38,655 soft).
DANCE IN THE STORM (9-11) evens fav held up towards rear, headway and switched right over 1f out, ridden and ran on strongly to lead well inside final furlong, bt The Angel King (9-5) 1l (10 ran) (Chester 7f hcap (2) £12,885 good).
STRATUSNINE (9-7) 10-3 fav chased leaders, challenged 2f out, soon led, kept on inside final furlong, bt **COUL ANGEL** (9-4) 33-1 in rear, headway and hung right to stands rail over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, went 2nd towards finish, ³/₄l **AIR FORCE ONE** (9-2) 9-1 towards rear of mid-division, headway 2f out, went 2nd inside final furlong, held by winner and lost 2nd towards finish, 3rd (btn ³/₄l) **RED SPELLS DANGER** (9-0) 4-1 chased leaders, ridden and went 2nd when edged right over 1f out, lost 2nd inside final furlong, one pace, 5th (btn 1¹/₄l)
POCKLINGTON (9-12) 11-2 in touch behind leaders, lost place over 1f out, 14th (btn 5¹/₄l) (21 ran) (York 6f (2) £51,540 good to firm).
FAHRENHEIT SEVEN (10-0) 17-2 rear of mid-division, pushed along 2f out, soon no response final furlong, 8th of 10 (btn 7¹/₂l) to Tuco Salamanca (10-0) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).
KING OF LIGHT (9-10) 7-2 fav rear mid-division, pushed along 2f out, ran on 1f out, never nearer, 6th of 16 (2¹/₄l) to Trefor (9-4) (Windsor 6f hcap (2) £41,232 good to firm).
PURE LEGEND (9-10) 11-1 towards rear, pushed along 2f out, plugged on, switched right final 110yds, never nearer, 6th of 11 (btn 1¹/₄l) to Witch Hunter (9-2) (Thirsk 1m hcap (2) £26,170 good).
DESERT FALCON (9-10) 6-1 raced keenly, chased leader, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, 9th of 11 (12l) to Arctic Dawn (9-5) (Doncaster 7f hcap (3) £9,631 good to firm).
RED SPELLS DANGER (9-11) 2-1 jt fav mid-division, improved over 2f out, pushed along led 1f out, cleared away, bt Thunder Call (9-10) 1¹/₄l (9 ran) (Ascot 6f hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).

LONGSHOT

TOCA MADERA (4.10 York) was more than a little unlucky when third here earlier this week. He has run well in lots of hot handicaps and can make the frame once again.

4.10 YORK — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1 STRATUSNINE	4	2	1	2	4	4	2	1	20/40
2 SONDAD	3	3	4	4	3	4	1	1	23/40
3 GOLDEN MIND	3	4	1	3	1	1	1	3	17/40
4 EVENING SAIGON	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	28/40
5 FAR ABOVE DREAM	2	3	2	2	4	3	4	2	22/40
6 FINE INTERVIEW	2	5	3	3	2	1	4	4	24/40
7 DANCE IN THE STORM	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	22/40
8 ANNAF	3	2	2	5	1	2	2	1	18/40
9 POCKLINGTON	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	15/40
10 FAHRENHEIT SEVEN	4	4	4	4	1	1	3	2	23/40
11 KING OF LIGHT	4	1	5	4	1	2	2	5	24/40
12 TOCA MADERA	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	3	15/40
13 FLASH HARRY	2	3	2	3	1	1	3	4	19/40
14 PURE LEGEND	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	11/40
15 HAMMER THE HAMMER	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	9/40
16 REALIGN	1	2	3	1	2	2	5	2	18/40
17 AIR FORCE ONE	5	1	3	1	4	4	3	1	22/40
18 DESERT FALCON	1	1	4	3	2	1	1	1	14/40
19 RED SPELLS DANGER	2	4	2	2	5	5	1	1	22/40
20 COUL ANGEL	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	3	18/40

4.45 JULIA GRAVES ROSES STAKES (LISTED) 2-Y-O; winner £56,710; 5f (12 runners)

1 1112 **ADONIUS 24 (D)**
(8) R Menzies 9-2 ..... **Kaiya Fraser ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 3 (S,GS,G) Places: 1 £69,068
Hat-trick preceded fine Grp 3 2nd, proven at 5f and versatile on ground

2 2201 **DANCE A JIG 15 (D)**
(11) R Beckett 9-2 ..... **Rossa Ryan 97**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £24,310
Back on the up with decisive 5f nursery win, but Listed asks more

3 272 **DORIGO 25**
(1) K Ryan 9-2. ..... **Kevin Stott 87**
Runs: 3 Places: 2 £17,037
Went close over 6f latest, ran well in Lstd company, drop to 5f is unknown

4 4312 **DUBAI CHAMPION 22 (D)**
(5) B Haslam 9-2 ..... **Ryan Moore 97**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (GS) Places: 1 £24,478
Just denied over 6f latest after 5f maiden win, top jock but this is tougher

5 5125 **EL FLORIDITA 24 (D)**
(9) N Tinkler 9-2. ..... **Tom Marquand 94**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £45,984
Norfolk 2nd strong form but below that latest, 5f ideal and ground suits

6 22331 **HANNEY BOY 29 (P★;D)**
(10) E McCutcheon (Ire) 9-2 .... **Liam Keniry 95**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £26,612
Narrow 5f maiden win latest after Lstd 3rd, trip suits, give good account

7 212138 **HICKORY LAD 23 (D)**
(2) P Makin 9-2. ..... **Sam James 91**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 2 £76,814
Found Grp 2 company too strong latest, 5f fine but needs more here

8 322910 **JAAN KI TUKRI 23**
(6) C Cox 9-2. ..... **Kieran Shoemark 92**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £19,125
Well held in Grp 2 latest after 6f maiden win, 5f form solid, must rebound

9 1554 **SALE SHARK 24 (D)**
(3) H Palmer 9-2. ..... **Oisin Murphy 94**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) £16,814
Respectable Grp 3 4th latest, proven over 5f, more needed to win

10 423185 **UNDERCOVER AFFAIR 15 (D)**
(7) P Evans 9-2. ..... **Saffie Osborne 85**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (S,F) Places: 3 £36,589
Below form last two starts, 5f best trip but Lstd company demands more

11 241 **ROOTS IN TOUCHE 23 (D)**
(12) A Keatley 8-11 ..... **Mikey Sheehy 87**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £19,705
Bolted up in weak two-runner event latest, Lstd company much tougher

12 3232 **SILESIA 59 (BF)**
(4) K Ryan 8-11 ..... **Shane Gray 86**
Runs: 4 Places: 3 £12,875
Consistent in novices, handles 5f, but needs sizeable step forward for this

BETTING: 10-3 Adonius, 11-2 Dance A Jig, El Floridita, 13-2 Hickory Lad, Dubai Champion, 8 Sale Shark, 12 Jaan Ki Tukri, 14 Hanney Boy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 2 2 1 3
2025: Revival Power 8-11, D Allan 13-2 (T Easterby), drw 6, 8 ran.

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ADONIUS (9-3) 5-1 took keen hold, prominent, led 2f out, ridden and a length clear final furlong, headed final 110yds, soon outpaced, btn 2l by Pershaada (9-0) **SALE SHARK** (9-3) 9-2 in touch with leaders, went 2nd over 2f out, soon ridden, faded inside final furlong, 4th (btn 4l) **EL FLORIDITA** (9-3) 10-1 slowly into stride and bumped, midfield, kept on same pace final furlong, 5th (btn 4³/₄l) **UNDERCOVER AFFAIR** (9-3) 33-1 took keen hold, held up, minor headway entering final furlong, 8th (btn 7¹/₄l) (11 ran) (Goodwood 5f Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good to firm).
DANCE A JIG (9-9) 2-1 jt fav midfield, headway to lead over 1f out, cosily, bt Rotelle (8-13) 2¹/₂l **UNDERCOVER AFFAIR** (9-0) 9-2 slowly away, towards rear, plugged on same pace over 2f out, last (btn 4¹/₄l) (5 ran) (Haydock 5f hcap (3) £7,731 good).
DORIGO (9-2) 12-1 chased leader, ridden to lead 1f out, wandered left and headed inside final furlong, btn hd by Agrippa (9-2) (15 ran) (Goodwood 6f mdn (2) £30,924 good).
DUBAI CHAMPION (9-4) 4-1 slowly away, held up, headway to lead final furlong, reduced advantage towards finish, headed post, btn sh hd by Revels (9-6) (18 ran) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
HANNEY BOY (9-3) 8-11 fav made all, travelled well 2f out, all out close home, just held on, bt Blooming Sally (8-8) sh hd (10 ran) (Cork 5f mdn auct €15,000 good to firm).
HICKORY LAD (9-2) 50-1 front rank, pressed leader 1f out, soon hung right, weakened, 8th of 10 (btn 5¹/₄l) to Man's Best Friend (9-2) **JAAN KI TUKRI** (9-2) 25-1 led, joined 1f out, soon headed, weakened inside final furlong, last (btn 6l) (Goodwood 6f Grp 2 (1) £113,420 good to firm).
ROOTS IN TOUCHE (9-2) 10-11 keen, made all, going best 2f out, ridden 1f out, kept on strongly, bt Funky Dory (9-2) 8l (2 ran) (Nottingham 5f nov (4) £5,940 good to firm).
SILESIA (9-2) 8-11 fav led, headed final furlong, held towards finish, btn 1¹/₄l by Ruby Moon (9-2) (5 ran) (Carlisle 6f nov (4) £5,940 good to firm).

5.20 SKY BET DAV REID FINALE HANDICAP (2) winner £51,540; 1m 2f (22 runners)

1 11-421 **RAAMMEE 42 (H;CD)**
(5) R Varian 4-9-12 ..... **Ray Dawson ●99**
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (F,2A) Places: 1 £122,274
Progressive, won John Smith's Cup here last time, major player again

2 0-7207 **THUNDER RUN 42 (CD)**
(13) K R Burke 5-9-10 ..... **Clifford Lee 87**
Runs: 15 Wins: 4 (2F,GS,G) Places: 4 £155,419
Hampered here latest after earlier fine second, trip suits, can rebound

3 458-16 **ERZINDJAN 66**
(11) T Kent 8-9-10. ..... **Ryan Moore 96**
Runs: 36 Wins: 3 (F,2S) Places: 6 £191,315
Shaped well over 1m latest, return to this trip suits, good ground firmly in favour

4 3-2126 **DIEGO EL QUESO 25 (D)**
(16) G Lyons (Ire) 4-9-9 ..... **Gary Carroll 98**
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (A) Places: 7 £55,977
Unlucky in running latest, remains progressive, trip suits, big player

5 0-1702 **DAIN MA NUT IN 21 (CD)**
(17) L Russell & M Scudamore 5-9-7 **Lexie Clarkson (7) 90**
Runs: 20 Wins: 6 (2F,4G) Places: 3 £200,488
Back near best when 2nd latest, but poor previous C&D run a worry

6 875511 **AL AALI 25 (B;D)**
(9) G Scott 4-9-7. ..... **William Buick 97**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 4 £126,627
Thriving, trip and good ground ideal, fair mark still for hat-trick bid, respected

7 31-600 **QUAI DE BETHUNE 25 (D)**
(7) H Al Jehani 4-9-3 ..... **James Doyle 85**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 1 £81,282
Below best in two runs here lately, trip suits but revival is needed

8 005188 **KING'S CODE 9 (V;D)**
(22) P Evans 6-9-3 ..... **non-runner 86**
Runs: 63 Wins: 15 (S,10A,F,3G) Places: 8 £241,793
Poor latest after earlier 10f win, trip and ground suit, ruled out yesterday

9 -30602 **BOURBON BLUES 23**
(19) B Meehan 3-9-2 ..... **Oisin Murphy 93**
Runs: 14 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £73,875
Back to form latest, 1m2f and good ground suit, strong claims again

10 -51500 **HAVE SECRET 42 (V;D)**
(12) R & P Fahey 6-9-2 ..... **Jamie Spencer 84**
Runs: 39 Wins: 5 (S,4G) Places: 11 £178,833
Badly hampered here latest, earlier 5th here reads well, not ruled out

11 2-8247 **PAROLE D'ORO 25**
(14) M Bell 4-9-1 ..... **Rossa Ryan 87**
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 5 £42,950
Ran on well after another slow start latest, trip suits, each-way claims

12 311- **ACCREDIT 309**
(20) J & T Gosden 3-9-1 ..... **Colin Keane 94**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (S,GS) Places: 1 £11,739
Impressive winner when last seen, bred for this trip, feared if fit and firing

13 -70428 **MR SWIVELL 21**
(10) K De Foy 5-9-1. ..... **Cieren Fallon 87**
Runs: 22 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 7 £106,721
Still in form over 1m latest, this longer trip unproven but ground suits

14 660239 **CASTLE STUART 14 (H)**
(3) R & P Fahey 4-8-13 ..... **Barry McHugh 88**
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 4 £76,103
Poor over 12f latest but excellent C&D form before, can bounce back

15 /00-00 **DHAHABI 25**
(21) I Williams 8-8-13 ..... **Charles Bishop 78**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £105,752
Well beaten on both starts this term, needs a major revival to figure

16 720002 **SUJET 42 (B)**
(18) D Carroll 4-8-12. ..... **Zak Wheatley 90**
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 3 £70,941
Career-best in blinkers latest, good ground suits but longer trip a concern

17 201064 **SHAFDAR 21**
(6) I Williams 4-8-12 ..... **David Egan 97**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £22,709
Fine 4th latest after traffic, good ground suits but longer trip unproven

18 524501 **DARK MOON RISING 43 (CD)**
(2) K Ryan 7-8-10 ..... **Shane Gray 96**
Runs: 46 Wins: 6 (F,2A,3G) Places: 11 £196,406
Bolted up C&D latest, likes it here and ground suits, tougher mark now

19 103D40 **SALAM DUBAWI 28**
(4) J Goldie 4-8-9. ..... **Lauren Young (5) 82**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 4 £35,397
Poor latest after shaping well over C&D, another who needs bounce back

20 5-8104 **NEPAL 34 (D)**
(1) I Furtado 4-8-8 ..... **Joanna Mason 87**
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 3 £27,598
Below best stable debut latest, trip is fine but bit to prove at present

21 015650 **RAINBOW NEBULA 42**
(8) R & P Fahey 4-8-8 ..... **Cam Hardie 85**
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (A,GS,G) Places: 3 £34,576
Well held over C&D latest, stamina unproven though good ground suits

22 730315 **DOUBLE PARKED 11 (CD)**
(15) T Easterby 4-8-7. ..... **Saffie Osborne 94**
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (2F,GS,G) Places: 7 £51,634
Respectable latest after C&D win, likes it here and ground suits, chance

BETTING: 9-2 Raammee, 5 Al Aali, 6 Erzindjan, 8 Accredit, Diego El Queso, 10 Dark Moon Rising, Shafdar, 16 Bourbon Blues, Thunder Run, Castle Stuart, Parole d'Oro, 20 Double Parked, Mr Swivell
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1-0 3 5 3
2025: Dain Ma Nut In 4-9-0, D Tudhope 11-1 (L Russell & M Scudamore), drw 8, 15 ran.

4.45 YORK	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
ADONIUS	3	5	5	3	5	5	1	1	28/40
DUBAI CHAMPION	3	3	5	3	3	2	3	5	27/40
SALE SHARK	3	4	5	3	2	4	2	4	27/40
DANCE A JIG	3	3	4	3	1	2	4	4	24/40

5.20 YORK	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
RAAMMEE	5	5	2	5	4	5	4	2	32/40
THUNDER RUN	4	4	5	4	1	3	4	3	28/40
AL AALI	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	26/40
ERZINDJAN	2	2	2	3	4	4	3	5	25/40

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1.05 COOLMORE STUD ST MARK'S BASILICA IRISH EBF MAIDEN; 2-y-o; winner €13,200; 7f. (16 runners)

1 (14) **AR SON NA CUISE** J O'Brien 9-7 **Declan McDonogh**
2 (9) **HAMIDI** J Murtagh 9-7 **Niall McCullagh**
3 (16) **HAZARAF** J Murtagh 9-7 **Ben Coen**
4 (2) **HERALDS MARCH** G Lyons 9-7 **James Ryan**
5 (1) **IVEAGH HOUSE** A P O'Brien 9-7 **Wayne Lordan**
6 (5) **KNOCKCURRA DREAM** D Commins 9-7 **Wesley Joyce (3)**
7 (7) **MALEO MATTEO** D Weld 9-7 **Chris Hayes**
8 (15) **MONOGRAM** J O'Brien 9-7 **Dylan McMonagle**
9 (12) **NOBLE EXHIBIT** A P O'Brien 9-7 **Jack Cleary (5)**
10 (4) **SALT LAKE** R Aguiar 9-7 **Leigh Roche**
11 (10) **SELOSSE** J Harrington 9-7 **Shane Foley**
12 (8) **SENAN** J Murtagh 9-7 **Jamie Powell**
13 (3) **THUMAMA GLORY** A McGuinness 9-7 **Adam Caffrey**
14 (13) **TIMUCUA GOLD** N Meade 9-7 **Billy Lee**
15 (11) **WAR ARTIST** J Murtagh 9-7 **Seamie Heffernan**
16 (6) **KOKOSHANELLE** S Lavery 9-2 **Robbie Colgan**

BETTING: 5-2 Noble Exhibit, 4 Iveagh House, 5 Monogram, 13-2 Maleo Matteo
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 2-5 1 0
2025: Thread Of Gold 9-7 J Sheridan 11-1 (W P Mullins) drawn 5, 14 ran.

1.40 MOLONEY'S BAR AND MUSIC VENUE MAIDEN; value to the winner €12,000; 1m 2f. (14 runners)

1 (10) **ARD RI NA HEIREANN J112** C O'Neill 4-10-1 **Jessica O'Gorman (7) —**
2 (9) 9 **DESERT SWING 21** A Kinirons 4-10-1 **Robbie Colgan 70**
3 (8) 9 **ZARENAKARENA 19** E & P Harty 4-9-10 **Jamie Powell 75**
4 (11) 9 **GIORDANO 78** D Kilmartin 3-9-8 **Ronan Whelan 70**
5 (5) 2-2 **HANDANI 16** D Weld 3-9-8 **Chris Hayes 97**
6 (6) 2-33 **LET'S SMASH IT 16** R Aguiar 3-9-8 **Ben Coen 94**
7 (2) 62 **LORD DARRAGH 10** R Devine 3-9-8 **Luke McAteer 94**
8 (7) 23 **MONTEVETRO 151** D Hogan 3-9-8 **Seamie Heffernan 88**
9 (1) **ROYAL BALLET BLUE** J Foley 3-9-8 **Adam Caffrey —**
10 (12) 7 **THE AUSTRIAN 82** J Harrington 3-9-8 **Shane Foley 82**
11 (4) 5348 **WILL YOU STOP 24** A Slattery 3-9-8 **Andy Slattery 89**
12 (14) 4 **ACULA 19** J O'Brien 3-9-3 **Dylan McMonagle 91**
13 (3) 35 **SAXONY CHARMS 57 (P★;BF)** A Oliver 3-9-3 **Billy Lee 93**
14 (13) 02 **SUNATIA 34** D Weld 3-9-3 **Leigh Roche ●99**

BETTING: 4 Handani, 6 Sunatia, 7 Let's Smash It, 8 Lord Darragh, 10 Acula
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 1 2 0 1
2025: Slaney Drive 3-9-8 D McDonogh Evens Fav (J S Bolger) drw 6, 10 ran.

2.15 MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC HANDICAP; value to the winner €21,000; 6f. (12 runners)

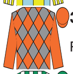
1 (4) 8135144 **KEKE 8 (CD)** E Lynam 6-10-0 **Billy Lee 96**
2 (7) -417480 **HOWD'YADOIT 29 (D)** G Lyons 3-9-7 **Jack Kearney (3) 89**
3 (11) 501-214 **CHICAGO POPE 70 (D)** J Murtagh 3-9-1 **Ben Coen ●99**
4 (1) 51- **BEAR ON THE RUN 372 (D)** D Murphy 3-8-13 **Dylan McMonagle 94**
5 (8) 031362 **GENESIS 13 (BF,CD)** M Mulvany 5-8-12 **Wesley Joyce (3) 98**
6 (3) 002625 **GO ATHLETICO 13 (BF,CD)** A McGuinness 8-8-10 **Shane Foley 97**
7 (12) 1-49253 **GAVOO 19 (D)** D Marnane 3-8-8 **Andy Slattery 94**
8 (10) 0-9799 **MOLTOPHINO 19 (B;CD)** J Kinsella 5-8-8 **Chris Hayes 85**
9 (2) 06-266 **ROCK IGUANA 15 (P★;D)** D Hogan 4-8-8 **Jared Huggan (10) 87**
10 (6) 0310 **FINIKA 13 (D)** J Feane 3-8-7 **Gavin Ryan 90**
11 (5) 7696112 **GOTTA CATCH'EM ALL 19 (B;BF,D)** H Rogers 6-8-7 **Siobhan Rutledge 97**
12 (9) 5-07671 **JON RIGGENS 76 (V;CD)** E Lynam 8-8-7 **Reese Holohan (7) 93**

BETTING: 4 Genesis, 13-2 Go Athletico, Gotta Catch'em All, 7 Chicago Pope
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 1 2 6 5
2025: Queen Of Mougins 4-10-1 D McMonagle 17-2 (A Murray) drw 2, 8 ran.

2.50 DEBUTANTE STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 2) 2-Y-O; winner €78,000; 7f (5 runners)

1 211 **ALPHA** 30 (CD)
(2) A P O'Brien 9-2 .... **Wayne Lordan ●99**
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 €58,182
All out to land odds in Leop Grp 3 latest, better than that, sets standard

2 14 **BLONDE OVER BLUE** 30 (T★;D)
(4) J O'Brien 9-2............. **Chris Hayes 93**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (S) €13,802
Behind Alpha twice (incl. Grp 3 latest), tongue-tie on, turnaround unlikely


3 13412 **DANCING DESTINY** 30
(3) J O'Brien 9-2....... **Declan McDonogh 98**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 €55,455
Listed winner, only just held by Alpha latest, don't underestimate her

4 22 **GREEN EMPRESS** 56
(1) J O'Brien 9-2........ **Dylan McMonagle 97**
Runs: 2 Places: 2 €25,620
Second to Sun Goddess twice (latest Grp 2), Dylan's pick, chase fav home

5 4241 **IBELIEVEICANFLY** 13 (H;CD)
(5) A P O'Brien 9-2 .... **Ronan Whelan 91**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 €25,785
Won over track & trip last time, first try at black type, stablemate better

BETTING: Evs Alpha, 15-8 Green Empress, 17-2 Dancing Destiny, 10 Ibelieveicanfly, 25 Blonde Over Blue
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-3-5-7 1 5 1 1
2025: Composing 9-2, W Lordan 4-5 Fav (A P O'Brien), drw 2, 6 ran.

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ALPHA (9-2) 1-6 fav 3rd pushed along in 2nd and closed on leader over 1f out, led final furlong, pressed final strides, all out, bt **DANCING DESTINY** (9-2) 20-1 ridden in 4th 2f out, kept on well final 100 yards, 2nd and pressed winner final strides, just failed, hd **BLONDE OVER BLUE** (9-2) 9-2 ridden in 3rd and no impression over 1f out, no extra, 4th (btn 4$^3/_4$l) (6 ran) (Leopardstown 7f Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good).
GREEN EMPRESS (9-2) 9-1 ridden to close 1 $^1/_2$f out, stayed on well final furlong, not reach winner, btn $^3/_4$l by Sun Goddess (9-2) (6 ran) (Curragh 6f Grp 2 (1) €78,000 good to firm).
IBELIEVEICANFLY (9-2) 13-8 fav pushed along to lead 1f out, drew clear final 150 yards, kept on well, bt Speckles (8-11) 5l (14 ran) (Curragh 7f 2yo fll €21,000 good to firm).

3.25 COOLMORE IRISH EBF FUTURITY STAKES (GROUP 2) 2-Y-O; €78,000; 7f (6 runners)

1 12 **CITY OF DUBAI** 15 (BF)
(6) P Twomey 9-5................ **Billy Lee 93**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 €19,174
Killarney maiden win, better again at Gowran Park, drop to 7f slight worry

2 3141 **FLORIDA BAY** 30 (D)
(2) A P O'Brien 9-5 .... **Ronan Whelan ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2G) €49,504
All-the-way Tyros win at Leop last month, big engine, deserves to be favourite

3 31 **GIANT SEQUOIA** 56 (CD)
(1) A P O'Brien 9-5 .... **Wayne Lordan 97**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) €16,694
Landed odds in maiden C&D in Jun, 2027 Derby talk already, big player

4 51 **GREEN DREAMER** 30
(4) J O'Brien 9-5....... **Declan McDonogh 93**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) €11,527
Made all in Leop maiden to beat Ballydoyle hotpot, on the up, stays well

5 13 **NAIL HOUSE** 30
(3) J O'Brien 9-5........ **Dylan McMonagle 90**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) €15,248
Behind Florida in Grp 3 Tyros latest, top stable/rider but up against it

6 11 **NOLA SOUL** 65 (D)
(5) J Stack 9-5 .... **Seamie Heffernan 98**
Runs: 2 Wins: 2 (F,G) €81,797
Chesham hero, back from a break but no surprise if he goes close

BETTING: 11-4 Nola Soul, 3 Giant Sequoia, 10-3 Florida Bay, 6 City of Dubai, 8 Nail House, 12 Green Dreamer
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 1 1 1
2025: Constitution River 9-5, W Lordan 5-6 Fav (A P O'Brien), drw 4, 5 ran.

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1.05 Selosse
1.40 The Austrian
2.15 Keke (nb)
2.50 Alpha
3.25 Giant Sequoia
4.00 Navy Waters
4.35 Carmers
5.08 POWERACCLAIM (nap)

TOM PEPPER

1.05 Monogram
1.40 Acula
2.15 Bear On The Run
2.50 Green Empress
3.25 City of Dubai
4.00 Killyclogher Rose
4.35 Kizlyar
5.08 Soulful Diva

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed horseshoe-shaped track of 2 miles, with a run in of 3f and an uphill finish. 5f and 6f races are run on the straight track. ■DRAW: None. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A P O'Brien 164-761, J P O'Brien 87-810, J P Murtagh 44-470, G M Lyons 42-314. THIS SEASON: A P O'Brien 19, J P O'Brien 13. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): W J Lee 63-517, D McMonagle 57-504, W M Lordan 41-410, C D Hayes 40-524. THIS SEASON: W J Lee 11, D McMonagle 7. ■RACEFAX: E Lynam won the 2.15 in 2023 & 2024. A P O'Brien won the 1.05 in 2022 & 2024; 2.50 in 2016, 2017, 2022, 2024 & 2025; 3.25 in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 and 4.35 in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2024. J P O'Brien won the 2.50 in 2020 & 2021; 4.00 in 2017 & 2020 and 4.35 in 2021, 2022 & 2025. J Harrington won the 4.00 in 2018 & 2013. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

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CITY OF DUBAI (9-5) 9-4 fav held up in touch, closer 2f out, ridden in 2nd and challenged 1f out, no impression final 100 yards, btn $^3/_4$l by Sergei Diaghilev (9-5) (6 ran) (Gowran Park 1m Listed (1) €30,000 good).
FLORIDA BAY (9-5) 7-2 made all, pushed along 2f out, ridden over 1f out, reduced advantage early final furlong, kept on well, bt Folsom Blues (9-5) 1$^1/_4$l **NAIL HOUSE** (9-5) 16-1 held up in touch, pushed along when not clear run under 2f out, switched right when short of room and hampered 1f out, 4th and no impression 1f out, kept on one pace (finished 4th, promoted to 3rd), 4th (btn 4$^3/_4$l) (6 ran) (Leopardstown 7f Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good to firm).
GIANT SEQUOIA (9-5) 4-9 fav tracked leader, led 2f out, asserted 1f out, kept on strongly final furlong, bt Oklahoma (9-5) 2$^1/_4$l (8 ran) (Curragh 7f mdn €18,000 good to firm).
GREEN DREAMER (9-7) 5-1 dwelt, improved to lead and made rest, pushed along and 2 lengths clear 1f out, kept on well, bt Shakespeare (9-7) 2l (5 ran) (Leopardstown 1m mdn €13,200 good to firm).
NOLA SOUL (9-5) 11-2 took keen hold, always prominent, pushed along 2f out, soon edged right, led 1f out, stayed on very gamely, bt On Just Terms (9-5) $^1/_2$l (14 ran) (Ascot 7f Listed (1) £70,888 good to firm).

4.00 NEVILLE O'BYRNE MEMORIAL IRISH EBF FILLIES HCAP; value to the winner €15,601; 1m 4f. (12 runners)

1 (11) 37-1266 **MARAZION 55 (D)** J Harrington 4-10-0 **Shane Foley 95**
2 (10) 080-784 **DENIM AND DIAMONDS 61 (D)** J O'Brien 4-9-10 **Shay Wallace (7) 92**
3 (8) 8-35453 **NAVY WATERS 10 (V)** W McCreery 5-9-10 **Billy Lee 96**
4 (7) 4726620 **BEAUPARC 7 (D)** G Keane 6-9-4 **Jack Kearney (3) 89**
5 (1) 120-889 **RAILWAYVIEW LADY 55** G Cromwell 4-9-4 **Robert Wheatry 88**
6 (4) 4-33132 **YOUSAYNOTHINGATALL 35** J O'Brien 3-9-4 **Dylan McMonagle ●99**
7 (5) 8213 **VANIR 35 (BF,D)** J Murtagh 3-9-3 **Ben Coen 94**
8 (9) 41 **NELLCOTE 42 (D)** J O'Brien 3-8-13 **Declan McDonogh 95**
9 (2) 1860-24 **LETIZA 19** A Slattery 6-8-12 **Andy Slattery 98**
10 (12) 63-516 **KILLYCLOGHER ROSE 37 (BF)** A Oliver 4-8-8 **Wayne Lordan 90**
11 (6) 177 **MY GIRL GRACE 19 (BF)** G Lyons 3-8-7 **Reese Holohan (7) 91**
12 (3) 9774546 **NEO SMART 6 (BF,C)** J Bolger 5-8-7 **Wesley Joyce (3) 97**

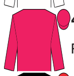
BETTING: 7-2 Yousaynothingatall, 7 Nellcote, 8 Neo Smart, 10 Letiza
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 3 9 4 2
2025: It's A Heartbeat 3-9-8 A Slattery 11-1 (J O'Donoghue) drw 1, 9 ran.

4.35 COMER GRP IRISH ST. LEGER TRIAL STAKES (GROUP 3) winner €42,000; 1m 6f (7 run)

1 25-516 **CARMERS** 65 (V;D)
(3) P Twomey 4-9-9............. **Billy Lee ●99**
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (F,3G) Places: 1 €294,318
Didn't stay 2m4f in Gold Cup at Ascot, this trip ideal, can bounce back

2 325475 **DALLAS STAR** 10
(6) R Aguiar 5-9-9 ...... **Seamie Heffernan 86**
Runs: 23 Wins: 3 (2S,A) Places: 5 €109,462
Efforts early doors promising but has gone off boil, needs bounce back

3 21-011 **KIZLYAR** 67 (D)
(2) J O'Brien 4-9-9...... **Dylan McMonagle 95**
Runs: 6 Wins: 3 (F,GS,G) Places: 2 €86,641
In good heart, brave at Royal Ascot hcap latest, steps up here, danger


4 -16215 **LAYFAYETTE** 16 (CD)
(5) N Meade 9-9-9.......... **Adam Caffrey 93**
Runs: 51 Wins: 11 (2S,F,2G) Places: 11 €475,239
C&D winner, struggled in Leop Grp 3 latest, softer the better, squeak

5 19-445 **LEINSTER** 64 (T★;BF,CD)
(1) J O'Brien 5-9-9..... **Declan McDonogh 96**
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 2 €71,532
Last win was in this last year, yet to hit his stride this season, in hunt

6 36332- **QUEENSTOWN** 300 (B;C)
(4) A P O'Brien 6-9-9....... **Wayne Lordan 93**
Runs: 15 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 7 €233,596
Plenty of fine efforts in defeat, seasonal bow but can't be counted out

7 3127 **ASAKIR** 66
(7) J Murtagh 3-9-0............. **Ben Coen 95**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 Places: 2 €18,934
Still early days as stayer, not disgraced at R Ascot last time, respected

BETTING: 5-2 Carmers, 4 Kizlyar, 9-2 Queenstown, 11-2 Asakir, 8 Layfayette, 12 Leinster, 16 Dallas Star
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1 1 1 4
2025: Leinster 4-9-9, D McMonagle 6-1 (J P O'Brien), drw 5, 4 ran.

5.08 FRIENDS OF MOOREFIELD GAA HANDICAP; value to the winner €10,800; 6f. (30 runners)

1 (22) 354375 **CLONMACASH 19 (V;C,D)** A McGuinness 5-10-2 **Sam Coen (5) 92**
2 (10) 848031 **MINT MAN 13 (V;CD)** P Murphy 5-10-2 **Conor Cusack (7) 98**
3 (25) 84-692 **SOULFUL DIVA 6** D Marnane 3-10-1 **Nathan Crosse 95**
4 (21) -36423 **BOLD OPTIMIST 6 (C,D)** D McLoughlin 6-9-13 **Scott McCullagh 96**
5 (26) 032442 **HUGO'S GIRL 13** T Dowling 4-9-13 **Billy Lee ●99**
6 (17) 98-405 **FOUR BLONDES 31** R O'Sullivan 5-9-12 **Siobhan Rutledge 90**
7 (3) 345354 **TREASURED ROYAL 51 (H,T★;D)** G Cromwell 3-9-12 **Jack Kearney (3) 94**
8 (19) 09-405 **PINAR DEL RIO 105 (CD)** A McIntyre 7-9-11 **Ronan Whelan 87**
9 (4) 5-4043 **POWERACCLAIM 42 (BF)** J Murtagh 4-9-10 **Ben Coen 94**
10 (18) -59909 **CHESTER NIMITZ 19 (B★;D)** G O'Leary 4-9-9 **Shane Foley 86**
11 (20) 0-805 **UNIDOS 45** M Fahey 3-9-9 **Joseph Harnett (7) 85**
12 (30) 052-8 **KISS DON'T TELL 8** D McLoughlin 3-9-8 **Nicola Burns (5) 91**
13 (23) 490 **CLADACH 15** J O'Brien 3-9-7 **Dylan McMonagle 90**
14 (5) 624686 **OCEAN ECHO 29 (T★)** M Fahey 3-9-7 **Paddy Harnett (3) 87**
15 (11) 472506 **BEAT THE DEVIL 13** P Magee 4-9-6 **Declan McDonogh 85**
16 (14) 545 **GLASARMI 64** R Devine 3-9-6 **Luke McAteer 84**
17 (8) 70-1708 **ARE YOU IN OR OUT 42 (D)** C Maxwell 5-9-5 **James Ryan 91**
18 (2) 705135 **CASHEL BLUE 8** K Condon 3-9-5 **Reese Holohan (7) 93**
19 (12) 046329 **COINCIDENTAL GLORY 26** A McGuinness 3-9-5 **Adam Caffrey 86**
20 (9) 077270 **ABSOLUTEASSIGNMENT 35 (H★)** A Mullins 3-9-4 **Gavin Ryan 87**
21 (27) 4750 **CAISLEAN NI CUAN 13** T Mullins 3-9-4 **Niall McCullagh 82**
22 (7) 016-73 **BATTLEFORSUPREMACY 176** D McLoughlin 3-9-3 **Jamie Powell 87**
23 (13) -02050 **IRISH RUMOUR 19** M Lynch 6-9-3 **Orla Tynan (7) 83**
24 (31) -90720 **ROSATO 13 (P★;D)** C Weld 5-9-2 **Rory Mulligan (5) 86**
25 (1) 66-000 **CAFFU ZAFEEN 19** P Flynn 5-9-0 **Leigh Roche 72**
26 (28) 059-0 **RAVEN'S CALL 36** E Lynam 3-8-12 **Keithen Kennedy (5) 75**
27 (15) 76077 **DE SONGBIRD 39 (P★)** T McCourt 3-8-9 **Wesley Joyce (3) 76**
28 (6) -008375 **FONTAINE KHALED 15** E & P Harty 3-8-8 **Jessica O'Gorman (7) 89**
29 (16) 601556 **PLATINO BIANCO 19 (V;D)** C Maxwell 5-8-7 **Chris Hayes 91**
30 (24) 000583 **SHE'S ON THE BALL 17 (T★)** L Hourigan 3-8-7 **Wayne Lordan 89**
31 (29) 183500 **LADY LANDHORT 6 (D)** D McLoughlin 3-8-7 **RESERVE 86**

BETTING: 13-2 Mint Man, 8 Hugo's Girl, Bold Optimist, 10 Soulful Diva, 14 Poweracclaim, Cashel Blue, 16 She's On The Ball, Treasured Royal
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 2
2025: Nezeeh 4-9-11 Joseph Sheridan 7-2 (D Hogan) drawn 6, 13 ran

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GOING: STANDARD

5.10 HANDICAP (Class 4); winner £5,653; 1m 2f. (9 runners)

1 (4) 2747 **CLOTH OF GOLD 16 (D)** C Johnston 4-9-11 **J Peate**
2 (7) 5231 **EPICTETUS 16 (D)** J Osborne 6-9-11 **T Fisher**
3 (1) 4435 **WANDERLUST 15 (P★;D)** I Jardine 4-9-10 **T Queally**
4 (2) 2618 **KOKANEE 48 (D)** E Dunlop 4-9-8 **P Cosgrave**
5 (6) -953 **POMME POMME 27 (D)** J Channon 4-9-6 **R Dawes (5)**
6 (5) -325 **MOONRUNNER 72** C Fellowes 4-9-4 **J Doughty**
7 (3) 23-7 **SKIBO 117 (H)** F Brennan 4-9-3 **K O'Neill**
8 (9) 2112 **MWAFAQ 21 (BF)** R & P Fahey 4-9-2 **E Tindall (5)**
9 (8) -323 **ORCHARD 28** W Greatrex 4-9-2 **L Morris**

Mwafaq ●99, Epictetus 98, Wanderlust 97.
3 Epictetus, 7-2 Mwafaq, 7 Moonrunner, Kokanee, 8 Wanderlust, Cloth Of Gold, 10 Pomme Pomme, Orchard, 16 Skibo

5.40 HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; winner £3,768; 1m 4f. (10 runners)

1 (9) -024 **CRAZY PLAN 11** D Horsford 9-9 **K Fox**
2 (4) 3143 **LADY OF CLOVER 50 (H)** G Scott 9-7 **L Wright (5)**
3 (2) 0087 **DIJON GONE 82 (P★)** D Coakley 9-7 **R Dawes (5)**
4 (1) 9646 **NOTABLE CHARM 28 (B★)** M Tregoning 9-7 **K O'Neill**
5 (6) -021 **NARANKA 52 (D)** G Baker 9-7 **non-runner**
6 (7) -606 **PEPPER FIZZ 75** G Nicholls 9-7 **G Mangan**
7 (10) 980- **AMALOU 269** D & C Kubler 9-6 **E Nader**
8 (3) 09-3 **ANGEL BREEZE 17** L Souza 9-5 **L Morris**
9 (5) 6956 **TURTON 31** A Carroll 9-4 **W Carson**
10 (8) 5549 **CORMORANT ROCK 8** J Boyle 9-0 **D Murphy (7)**

Lady Of Clover ●99, Crazy Plan 98, Angel Breeze 96.
13-8 Lady Of Clover, 5 Crazy Plan, 10 Angel Breeze, 12 Amalou, 14 Pepper Fizz, Dijon Gone, 20 Turton, Notable Charm

6.15 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,397; 1m 5f. (6 runners)

1 (2) -312 **HEBRIDEAN NOMAD 182 (C)** A Balding 5-9-11 **A Redman (7)**
2 (6) 5325 **BETELGEUSE 39** S Woods 4-9-11 **L Wright (5)**
3 (1) 8139 **LAST VERSE 14** J Parr 3-9-9 **P Cosgrave**
4 (5) -142 **MOUNTBATTEN 13** Sir M Prescott 3-9-4 **L Morris**
5 (4) 545 **LAST TRUMP 74** M Tregoning 3-9-4 **G Mangan**
6 (3) 8346 **VIRTUE DILIGENCE 16 (P★)** A Perrett 3-9-3 **E Nader**

Hebridean Nomad ●99, Betelgeuse 97, Mountbatten 97.
6-4 Hebridean Nomad, 3 Mountbatten, 9-2 Betelgeuse, 8 Virtue Diligence, 10 Last Trump, Last Verse

6.45 MAIDEN STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 7f. (13 runners)

1 (11) 00 **BRONDESBURY 26** M Loughnane 9-7 **H Regan (7)**
2 (8) 8 **CALL OF THE SEA 42** R Beckett 9-7 **J Peate**
3 (2) 233 **EIGHTH IMMORTAL 21 (P★)** J Jones 9-7 **L Morris**
4 (1) 4 **NORHAM 37** A Kirby 9-7 **T Queally**
5 (3) 240 **SHEMIYLA STAR 25** C Johnston 9-7 **P Cosgrave**
6 (7) **XOCHIPILLI** M Loughnane 9-7 **T Fisher**
7 (12) 5 **PIRATES PARADISE 20** G Scott 9-4 **L Wright (5)**
8 (10) **PLANET BLUEBIRD** M Usher 9-4 **R Dawes (5)**
9 (5) 6 **CASABLANCA DREAM 19** M Botti 9-2 **J Gilligan**
10 (4) 9 **REMEMBER THE SHOW 15** E Walker 9-2 **G Downing**
11 (6) 3 **MOUNT ST 8** G Boughey 8-13 **G McEntee**
12 (9) 06 **PURPLE DREAM 19** T Ward 8-13 **K O'Neill**
13 (13) **STARLIGHT BAY** M Tregoning 8-10 **G Mangan**

Eighth Immortal ●99, Shemiyla Star 93, Norham 86.
6-4 Eighth Immortal, 3 Mount St, 9-2 Shemiyla Star, 7 Norham, 16 Call Of The Sea, 20 Xochipilli, 25 Starlight Bay

■GLACIUS, Hugo Palmer's first winner in the US when landing the Grade 1 Saratoga Derby earlier this month, is set to head back to the States for the $3 million Grade 2 Nashville Derby on September 5.

TEMPLEGATE

5.10 Epictetus
5.40 Lady Of Clover
6.15 Hebridean Nomad
6.45 Eighth Immortal
7.15 Dannick
7.45 What A Tahoo

TOM PEPPER

5.10 Kokanee
5.40 Angel Breeze
6.15 Mountbatten
6.45 Mount St
7.15 Lady Manzor
7.45 Coolagh Magic

■TIC-TAC: (AW) Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. (Turf) Left-handed undulating course of 1m 4f, 3f run-in, races up to 7f are run on the straight course. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 71-630, A Balding 66-322, G Boughey 49-305, G & J Moore 47-385. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 19, A Balding 12, J Butler 10. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): L Morris 86-755, W Carson 33-462, K O'Neill 32-444, P Cosgrave 22-218. THIS SEASON: L Morris 26, W Carson 7, K O'Neill 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Wanderlust (5.10) trained at Carrutherstown. Round trip of 744 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Skibo (5.10). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

7.15 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,397; 1m. (8 runners)

1 (3) 6666 **MOLLIE FOSTER 40 (D)** M Loughnane 4-9-9 **J Doughty**
2 (7) 8512 **DANNICK 30 (V;BF,C)** G & J Moore 4-9-8 **T Queally**
3 (6) 0050 **DARING LEGEND 42 (H★)** M Pattinson 5-9-8 **K Fox**
4 (4) 4787 **ARCTICIAN 10 (CD)** S Dow 8-9-7 **non-runner**
5 (2) 8790 **MADAME DE SEVIGNE 28** J Butler 5-9-7 **W Carson**
6 (8) 4444 **LADY MANZOR 73 (C)** A Perrett 4-9-7 **L Morris**
7 (5) 5489 **MOON BEGINNINGS 20 (T★)** D Loughnane 4-9-3 **J Peate**
8 (1) 1331 **TIMELY AFFAIR 30 (D)** W Knight 4-9-0 **T Fisher**

Timely Affair ●99, Dannick 98, Lady Manzor 97.
13-8 Dannick, 9-4 Timely Affair, 9-2 Lady Manzor, 12 Madame De Sevigne, 16 Moon Beginnings, 20 Mollie Foster

7.45 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,768; 5f. (8 runners)

1 (4) 2053 **HARRY BROWN 23 (C,D)** P Crate 6-9-9 **T Queally**
2 (3) 0225 **DREAMBIRD DOLLY 15 (B;D)** J Gallagher 4-9-8 **L Wright (5)**
3 (1) 6653 **RECON MISSION 15 (CD)** A Carroll 10-9-8 **L Morris**
4 (5) 7274 **STAPLEFORD PARK 15** M Attwater 4-9-7 **J Glennon (7)**
5 (7) 9641 **COOLAGH MAGIC 57 (CD)** A Carson 10-9-5 **W Carson**
6 (8) 1514 **WHAT A TAHOO 26 (BF,D)** R & P Fahey 3-9-5 **E Tindall (5)**
7 (6) 0454 **ROMAN SPRING 9 (CD)** R Cook & J Bridger 6-9-0 **K O'Neill**
8 (2) 3505 **NAD ALSHIBA SNOW 20** M Murphy 4-9-0 **G Mangan**

Harry Brown ●99, Coolagh Magic 97, Recon Mission 95.
3 Coolagh Magic, 7-2 What A Tahoo, 6 Recon Mission, Harry Brown, 7 Dreambird Dolly, 8 Roman Spring, 10 Nad Alshiba Snow

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GOOD (GOOD TO YIELDING)

1.25 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 100yds. (16 runners)

1 32-1 **AIRDS MOSS 103** D Kelly 5-11-12 **M Walsh**
2 6 **INDIVIDUALISM F39** E McNamara 5-11-12 **C Hogan (5)**
3 43-4 **MINELLA HOLLOW 18 (D)** J Nallen 6-11-12 **D King**
4 **REACHING HIGH F67 (T★)** W P Mullins 5-11-12 **D Mullins**
5 **KINGSTONIAN F22** J O'Brien 4-11-9 **J Slevin**
6 **KILBEG JIMMY** J Queally 5-11-4 **B Hayes**
7 59 **MARKET SQUARE 23 (H)** E Mullins 5-11-4 **D Meyler**
8 430- **PAPANELL 198** J Murphy 5-11-4 **E Walsh**
9 4543 **PENNY EXPRESS 15** G Elliott 6-11-4 **J Kennedy**
10 0 **ROCKSTAR REBEL 12** T O'Connor 5-11-4 **Mr T O'Connor (7)**
11 F-37 **WELL BUD 37** E McCarthy 5-11-4 **G Noonan**
12 2- **LOCAL RESIDENT 174** C Collins 4-11-1 **D Gilligan**
13 6-9 **SEA LIMIT 12** E O'Sullivan 6-10-11 **P Enright**
14 1-99 **THE ORPHAN GIRL 8** P Fahey 6-10-11 **E O'Sullivan (7)**
15 8P-0 **WINDY GREY 19** P O'Flynn 5-10-11 **D O'Keeffe**
16 P0 **MISTY VALENTINE 19** M Winters 4-10-8 **L Burke-Ott (7)**
17 0- **EBEN ZAABEEL F64 (T★)** A Martin 5-11-4 **RESERVE**
18 34-5 **COLLIERS QUAY 23** E McCarthy 5-11-4 **RESERVE**
19 P-4P **MAN DOWN 97** D Duggan 5-11-4 **RESERVE**

Airds Moss ●99, Minella Hollow 94, Penny Express 93.
9-4 Reaching High, 6 Airds Moss, 8 Kingstonian, 11 Minella Hollow, 12 Penny Express, 20 Market Square, 33 Local Resident, Well Bud

2.00 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 100yds. (16 runners)

1 05 **APPROVAL 84 (H)** E McNamara 5-11-12 **T Kelly (7)**
2 91 **EALU TAPA 32** P Fahey 5-11-12 **S Ewing**
3 F- **MOLTO AMICHI F23** E Griffin 5-11-12 **M Kenneally (5)**
4 6U-2 **SEA EAGLE 15** G O'Leary 6-11-12 **T O'Connor (7)**
5 U **GOLDEN HANDSHAKE 21** W Durkan 4-11-9 **P Byrnes**
6 50-8 **CHAMPAGNE DIAMOND 15 (T★)** T O'Mara 6-11-4 **P Enright**
7 P- **DEETER 163** E McCarthy 5-11-4 **S Torrens**
8 /0-F **IKALIMIX 19** E O'Sullivan 8-11-4 **S Fitzgerald**
9 /P-0 **LE VENT D'EX 19** M Winters 5-11-4 **L Burke-Ott (7)**
10 2-80 **LINCOLN MILL 21** L Archdeacon 5-11-4 **J Shinnick**
11 **MACOO** P O'Flynn 8-11-4 **D O'Keeffe**
12 F/26 **MINELLA MOON SHINE 18** J Nallen 6-11-4 **D King**
13 **JE SUIS CELEBRE F50** E McCarthy 4-11-1 **G Noonan**
14 0-5F **CERTOSA 12** W O'Doherty 5-10-11 **J Williamson (3)**
15 00 **KAUTO EMPRESS 19** M Winters 5-10-11 **M O'Connor**
16 0 **MARILYNS POET 14** J Burke 6-10-11 **E Walsh**
17 5-6 **CAST A COLD EYE 37 (H;BF)** W P Mullins 5-10-11 **RESERVE**
18 46/8 **THROUGH THE STORM 14** D Kelly 5-11-4 **RESERVE**

Sea Eagle ●99, Minella Moon Shine 96, Ealu Tapa 94.
5 Sea Eagle, 7 Ealu Tapa, 11 Minella Moon Shine, 20 Molto Amichi, 25 Approval, 33 Golden Handshake, 50 Je Suis Celebre

2.35 CONDITIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €7,500; 2m 4f. (16 runners)

1 -235 **DEISE CRYSTAL 15** S Aherne 5-11-12 **A McGuinness (4)**
2 36P3 **PURE LOGIC 9 (T★)** J Hanlon 6-11-11 **P Hanlon (2)**
3 5-89 **PIRATE ISLAND 19** J Hannon 8-11-9 **S Markey (4)**
4 6510 **ANDYOURBIRDCANSING 16** J Ryan 8-11-8 **J Halford (4)**
5 P375 **MAXICOURT 9 (BF)** P Duffy 5-11-6 **C Smithers (4)**
6 7-7P **COUP D'ESSAY 41** G Cromwell 5-11-4 **E Staples (2)**
7 880/ **SILIN ALAINN 672** G Cromwell 7-10-13 **E Finegan (2)**
8 -4U7 **TEDWORTH 37 (D)** M Barry 6-10-13 **M Kenneally**
9 /04U **BALLINVASAS BEST 15** S Ryan 8-10-12 **P O'Brien**
10 0533 **UPTAURINTOP 19** E O'Sullivan 6-10-12 **J Smith**
11 0780 **LALIGURASH 29** M Griffin 4-10-10 **S Cleary-Farrell (4)**
12 000U **DRUMADEISE 15** P Corkery 5-10-9 **D Whelan (4)**
13 -759 **WHATYOUWANT 32** G Kyne 8-10-9 **S O'Callaghan**
14 U-37 **KEYSER SMOKESY 36** T O'Connor 6-10-8 **K Murphy (4)**
15 0-47 **LAKE OKEECHOBEE 74** E O'Sullivan 5-10-7 **J Williamson**
16 -04P **THE BORDER BOY 36** S Aherne 9-10-3 **D Power (4)**
17 05-9 **BALLINDENISK 98** J Murphy 6-11-12 **RESERVE**
18 3F/P **MR MACPHISTO 50** E Griffin 10-10-11 **RESERVE**
19 U900 **MC SWAGGER 37** E McCarthy 5-12-3 **RESERVE**

Maxicourt ●99, Pure Logic 98, Deise Crystal 97.
6 Pure Logic, 8 Maxicourt, 10 Deise Crystal, 12 Coup D'essay, 14 Uptaurintop, 16 Andyourbirdcansing, 25 Tedworth

3.10 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €15,000; 2m 6f. (14 runners)

1 0-3U **DUKE SILVER 50** J O'Brien 6-11-12 **J Slevin**
2 625- **JAZZY MATTY 134 (BF)** C Collins 7-11-10 **D Gilligan**
3 126- **MILLSTREAM LADY 237 (CD)** E McNamara 8-11-10 **G Noonan**
4 P/47 **MAGNOR GLORY 36 (C)** T O'Brien 10-11-4 **J Shinnick**
5 6/7- **PLONTIER F7 (P★,T★;BF)** T O'Brien 10-11-3 **D Power (7)**
6 -525 **LONDONOFFICECALLIN F33 (C)** G Cromwell 9-11-0 **E Staples (5)**
7 421- **REBEL BUDZ 231** P O'Flynn 7-11-0 **D O'Keeffe**
8 5-P5 **TALK IN THE PARK 22 (D)** R O'Sullivan 8-11-0 **E Finegan (5)**
9 -066 **FRANKENDAEL 36** E McNamara 7-10-11 **D King**
10 0-06 **MY TRUMP CARD 12** J McConnell 8-10-9 **A Harvey**
11 46-2 **JUPITER DU GITE 37 (H)** T Hogan 7-10-7 **M Kenneally (5)**
12 0/P6 **STORMBREAKER 20** J Hanlon 7-10-7 **P Hanlon (5)**
13 P-20 **HEES DYNAMITE 24** E McNamara 8-10-6 **P O'Brien (5)**
14 1754 **BUTCH COOLIDGE 9 (D)** D Kelly 6-10-0 **J Williamson (3)**

Rebel Budz ●99, Jupiter Du Gite 98, Millstream Lady 97.
4 Rebel Budz, 5 Jupiter Du Gite, 7 Millstream Lady, 8 Duke Silver, 11 Jazzy Matty, 14 Frankendael, 16 Talk In The Park

EAMONN HAMES

1.25 Kingstonian
2.00 Ealu Tapa
2.35 Pure Logic
3.10 Duke Silver
3.45 Bowensonfire
4.20 Butch Cassidy
4.55 She's A Fine Wine
5.30 Teofil

TOM PEPPER: 1.25 Airds Moss, 2.00 Sea Eagle, 2.35 Deise Crystal, 3.10 Londonofficecallin, 3.45 Daddy Long Legs, 4.20 Yoradreamer, 4.55 Jalila Moriviere, 5.30 Farney Bridge

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, sharp 1m 2f track. There are 6 fences and 5 hurdles per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): W P Mullins 36-104, H De Bromhead 18-99, J P O'Brien 17-49, G Elliott 17-164. THIS SEASON: W P Mullins 4, H De Bromhead 4, E Bolger 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D J O'Keeffe 20-135, J J Slevin 14-65, J W Kennedy 13-54, G B Noonan 12-82. THIS SEASON: P Enright 2, D J O'Keeffe 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Pirate Island (2.35). Round trip of 244 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

3.45 BEGINNERS CHASE; winner €7,800; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 7-42 **BOWENSONFIRE 25 (H)** G Elliott 6-11-12 **J Kennedy**
2 2/12 **DADDY LONG LEGS F24 (BF)** W P Mullins 7-11-12 **B Hayes**
3 3218 **EASTMORE 19 (P★)** C Byrnes 6-11-12 **P Byrnes**
4 41-U **KILGAME 107** H Bromhead 6-11-12 **D O'Keeffe**
5 5311 **PUTAPOUNDINTHEJAR 23** A Martin 6-11-12 **D King**
6 58P5 **THERELLBGUDDAYSYET 24** P O'Flynn 10-11-12 **G Noonan**

Bowensonfire ●99, Daddy Long Legs 95, Putapoundinthejar 94.
15-8 Bowensonfire, 9-4 Daddy Long Legs, 10-3 Putapoundinthejar, 6 Kilgame, 25 Eastmore, 50 Therellbguddaysyet

4.20 NOVICE CHASE; winner €7,800; 2m 7f. (5 runners)

1 2-17 **UNCLE PAT 43 (BF)** W P Mullins 8-11-10 **D King**
2 5P-1 **BUTCH CASSIDY 105 (CD)** H Bromhead 6-11-6 **D O'Keeffe**
3 B2P0 **YORADREAMER 22** W P Mullins 7-11-6 **D Mullins**
4 PP-0 **BATTLE OF BENBURB 29** P Verling 9-11-0 **Mr P Verling (7)**
5 -F13 **EMILY LOVE 76 (BF)** G Elliott 7-10-13 **J Kennedy**

Butch Cassidy ●99, Yoradreamer 98, Uncle Pat 97.
9-4 Uncle Pat, 11-4 Butch Cassidy, 8 Yoradreamer, 12 Emily Love, 150 Battle Of Benburb

4.55 LISTED HANDICAP CHASE (1); winner €27,000; 2m 5f. (12 runners)

1 P-1U **SENECIA 24 (B;C)** V Halley 9-11-12 **P Enright**
2 1410 **SOLITARY MAN 24 (C)** E Bolger 8-10-12 **A Kelly**
3 -229 **JALILA MORIVIERE 22** W P Mullins 7-10-8 **M Walsh**
4 1P-5 **BOSTON ROVER 43 (C)** G Elliott 7-10-7 **J Williamson (3)**
5 1-18 **SHE'S A FINE WINE 24** H Bromhead 8-10-4 **D O'Keeffe**
6 63-P **BALLYBAWN BELTER 22** L Doyle 8-10-1 **S Torrens**
7 -424 **MOUSEY BROWN 21** D McLoughlin 9-10-0 **P O'Brien (5)**
8 4251 **REXEM 14** J McConnell 9-10-0 **J Halford (7)**
9 P483 **DRUMGILL 14** J Ryan 7-10-0 **D King**
10 3410 **LISLEIGH LAD 20** E Broderick 8-10-0 **J Shinnick**
11 -610 **HERMINO AA 22 (B)** E McNamara 9-10-0 **T Kelly (7)**
12 6-31 **WEST AWAY 14** P Collins 8-10-0 **C Stone-Walsh**

She's A Fine Wine ●99, Jalila Moriviere 98, Boston Rover 97.
4 Rexem, 9-2 Jalila Moriviere, 5 She's A Fine Wine, 13-2 Boston Rover, 8 Solitary Man, 10 Mousey Brown, 12 Drumgill

5.30 NAT HUNT FLAT; winner €7,200; 2m 100yds. (9 runners)

1 01 **FARNEY BRIDGE 37 (C)** J Burke 6-12-0 **Ms A Connolly (7)**
2 0-14 **ROKANAKO 49 (D)** E Power 5-12-0 **Mr P King (3)**
3 21 **TEOFIL 26** J Bolger 4-11-11 **Mr J Gleeson**
4 P0-7 **LOUGHTOWN 50** P Flood 5-11-7 **Miss G Benson (7)**
5 **MYSTIC BRIDGE** V O'Brien 7-11-7 **Mr F Colleran (7)**
6 P- **OLD COURT 259** T O'Mara 5-11-7 **Mr A Ryan (7)**
7 2 **EMERGENCY MAN 37** P Nolan 4-11-4 **Mr B Stone (7)**
8 **RINGROAN** E Larkin 4-11-4 **Mr D Davis (7)**
9 P- **LADY BOUDICA 170** E McCarthy 4-10-11 **T O'Connor (7)**

Teofil ●99, Emergency Man 94, Farney Bridge 90.
4-7 Teofil, 3 Farney Bridge, 15-2 Emergency Man, 11 Rokanako, 33 Loughtown, Old Court, 50 Mystic Bridge, Ringroan

Favourite 91-1

PREMIER LEAGUE champions and Champions League runners-up Arsenal are a best-priced 91-1 with Star Sports to land a treble of both and the FA Cup this term.

5-1 LAST SEASON, relegated Wolves scored 27 Prem goals — the same as Erling Haaland. Ladbrokes go 5-1 the City striker outscores Coventry this season.

Hull City v Man United

12.30pm TNT SPORTS talkSPORT

NO side has won more opening-day Premier League games than Man United, with 22.

Their lunchtime hosts the Tigers are the first team to be promoted after finishing in sixth in the Championship since Blackpool in 2010 — but are 1-6 to go back down.

United were third last term, vastly improved under boss Michael Carrick and can make a fast start.

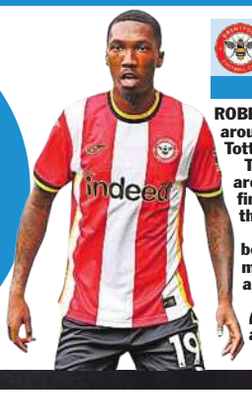
As can new boy Youri Tielemans *(left)* at 5-1 to net anytime with Hills.

FORECAST: 0-4

Man United to win 4-0 at Hull today

12-1

BETGOODWIN



Brentford v Tottenham

5.30pm sky sports

ROBERTO DE ZERBI has not hung around after getting his hands on Tottenham's debit card.

The Italian is throwing money around on rebuilding a club that finished 17th last term. But half the squad is, as usual, injured.

Brentford may have made the best summer signing in Lens midfielder Mamadou Sangare, and can take the points today.

New winger Jaidon Anthony *(left)* is a decent 3-1 to score anytime with Ladbrokes.

FORECAST: 2-1

Brentford to beat Spurs tonight, BTTS

3-1

BETGOODWIN

TOP TIPS

PRO BET

Millwall to beat Norwich, QPR to beat Bolton, Doncaster to beat Barnsley, Bristol Rovers to beat Newport, Salford to beat Chesterfield. Acca pays 25-1 with bet365.

RETIREMENT BET

Palace to win at Everton, Leeds to win at Forest, Watford to win at Wrexham, Blackburn to beat Middlesbrough, Cardiff to win at Derby, Northampton to win at Crewe, Gillingham to win at Fleetwood, Crawley to win at Rochdale. Perm 1 x Acca, 8 x 7-folds, 28 x 6-folds. Acca pays 29,829-1 with bet365.

AWAY DAY

Wolves to win at Preston, Reading at Wimbledon, Plymouth at Wycombe, Barnet at Shrewsbury. Acca pays 25-1 with Coral.

TOP DRAW

Ipswich v Sunderland, Swansea v Sheff Utd, Bromley v Cambridge, Rotherham v York. Betfred Acca pays 136-1.

TV SPECIAL

Man United to win at Hull, Brentford to beat Spurs, Man City to beat Bournemouth BTTS, Liverpool to win at Newcastle. Acca pays 16-1 with Coral.

DARK HORSE

10-1 LIVERPOOL teen star Rio Ngumoha looked a little raw last year — but he also looked very dangerous.

Take the Reds winger to score any time and his side to win, BTTS, and kop a tidy 10-1 off Coral.

TYNE WILL TELL . . . Jaissle faces challenges

Newcastle v Liverpool

Tomorrow, 2pm

sky sports

Ed aches!

CAN NEW BOSS JAISSLE STOP THE ROT AT ST JAMES' PARK...

By KEVIN DUNNE

THEY used to have know-how, now they've got no Howe. They've got none of their best players either.

When you get taken over by one of the richest nations in the world, you don't expect to see Sandro Tonali, Anthony Gordon and Bruno Guimaraes all failing to come back from their holidays.

Who knew Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund was short of a quarter of a billion quid?

Of course, they are playing by the financial fair play rules . . . I guess somebody has to.

German Matthias Jaissle is tasked with stepping into Eddie Howe's shoes, the man who ended the Geordies' 70-year major domestic trophy drought by winning the Carabao Cup in 2025.

Jaissle has a trophy-winning CV himself with Al-Ahli in Saudi Arabia, so at least he'll be able to handle the temperatures we get over here.

And he should be able to handle the expectations – with a side who were in the Champions League last season now quoted at 400-1 to win the title.

And one that is as short as 15-2 to go down.

What Newcastle have done is put their faith in youth, signing six players all in their early 20s and younger led by Ivorian winger Bazoumana Toure for £43million from Hoffenheim.

Still, it's still a case of: "Hello mate, who are you, who we got tomorrow?" In this case, the answer to that is Liverpool, at home.

The Reds, of course, are also under new management after Arne Slot's second-season slump.

New boss Andoni Iraola earned his spurs by leading Bournemouth to a best-ever sixth-place finish last season.

He did it by creating a fleet-footed, forward-thinking, well-organised, balanced side that did their best to derail Arsenal's title march with a deserved victory at the Emirates at the back end of 2025-26.

He does though have to replace the legend Mo Salah. He hasn't yet.

And Coral's Dave Stevens sees big question marks over both clubs.

He said: "You have to feel for Newcastle, they have mega-rich owners but stick to the rules while their rivals spend, spend, spend. It's been another hard summer and a repeat of last season's bottom-half finish (10-11) is not hard to see.

"Iraola did a superb job at Bournemouth but how many times have we seen these managers step up to bigger clubs and fail? Plenty is the answer, and he could be another one.

"If Alexander Isak and Florian Wirtz start to deliver, and they can sign a top-class central defender, they could be set for top four, at 8-13, but that's as far as I see them going."

Bet365 make the Toon a best-priced 29-10 outsiders, while Liverpool are a shade under evens with BetMGM and the draw trading at 3-1.

I like Iraola's chances with fit-again ex-Geordie striker Isak at his disposal – who leads the first-scorer market at 9-2 with Coral and Ladbrokes.

While we can expect the home side to be high energy, it's class that tells at this level which leaves me firmly in the Red corner.

Liverpool win and BTTS is the obvious route but 2-1 is not enough to tempt me in.

Instead I like the visitors to win by two goals at 5-1 with Sky Bet and by three goals at 9-1 with Paddy Power.

He who pays the piper calls the Toon.

Man City v Bournemouth

Tomorrow, 4.30pm sky sports

ENZO MARESCA gets a pass for the 3-0 Community Shield humbling his side got off Arsenal last week — the real job starts tomorrow.

Visitors Bournemouth are mourning the loss of boss Andoni Iraola following his exit to Liverpool.

The Spaniard led them to a best-ever sixth-place finish last term.

No walk in the park for City but the wake-up call should do its job.

Antoine Semenyo *(left)* is a decent 6-1 with Star Sports to strike first against his old club.

FORECAST: 2-1

Bournemouth leading half-time, City win full-time

16-1

BETGOODWIN

Liverpool to win 3-1 at Newcastle

11-1

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EVS

JURGEN KLOPP to do his air-punch celebration to the crowd in his first game managing Germany in the Netherlands on September 24 is even money with Paddy Power.

GOODWINNERS ENCLOSURE

ENZO MARESCA wasn't the only one shocked at how bad Manchester City were in the Community Shield.

Before they were battered 3-0 by champions Arsenal, our backers here at BetGoodwin Towers piled on City to get the job done under new management at 13-8.

Nice to see football remains a funny old game.

One step down the football pyramid, all the interest has been on West Ham to lift the Championship title at 7-4.

But we saw a late punt on Wolves at 11-2 with punters envisioning a two-horse race.

And in League Two, there was a nasty shock for those who made Salford their 6-1 title favourites as they lost at Barnet in their opener.

As far as the top-flight title is concerned, no surprise Arsenal are heavy favourites to retain their crown at 13-10.

Where might the challenge come from? Well, we think Chelsea who have laid out close to a £200m net spend, spearheaded with £117m on Morgan Rogers.

With no European football to worry about and ex-Real Madrid boss Xabi Alonso in the dugout, we feel they are a huge price at 8-1!

Aston Villa, who showed up very well against Paris Saint-Germain in the European Super Cup, could be an interesting bet at 4-1 to make the top four.

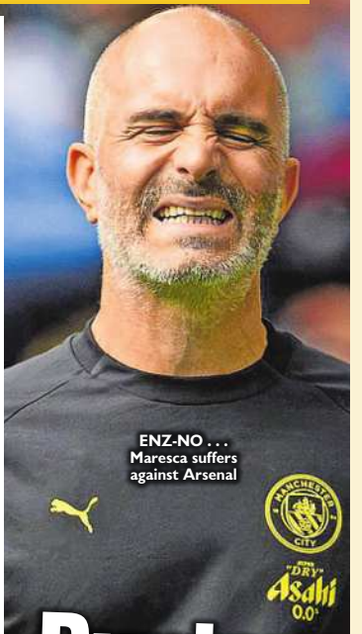
All things considered, though, our prediction is Chelsea for the title ahead of City with Manchester United third and Arsenal fourth. The straight forecast on Chelsea-Man City pays a hefty 33-1.

At the other end, Hull, Ipswich and Coventry are odds-on to go straight back down.

In this weekend's big game, Liverpool travel to Newcastle tomorrow after tough seasons for both clubs last term.

Reds are favourites at 17-20 but we fancy the draw and BTTS at 10-3.

Drum roll please . . . the BetGoodwin Banker Acca of the weekend is Everton, Wrexham, Stockport and Port Vale to all win at a nicely boosted 11-1!



ENZ-NO . . . Maresca suffers against Arsenal

Punters getting Maresca bad vibe

LIVERPOOL spent £400million-plus last summer and kicked off as 15-8 favourites to retain their Prem crown.

Now Arne Slot is still looking for a new job after his former side limped to fifth place.

So while Arsenal KO'd City in the Community Shield, the second album is always difficult.

City at 18-5 look like a team in transition and the Reds will hope some expensive arrivals come off this time.

Spurs will have their best squad for years and a boss in Roberto De Zerbi who can get the best out of them.

It's all change at Chelsea as usual but Manchester United finished well and would have won the Prem if it was from January to May.

So keep calm and Carrick on at 9-1.

TITLE ODDS (best price): 5-4 Arsenal; 18-5 Man City; 6-1 Liverpool; 9-1 Chelsea, Man United; 33-1 Spurs; 66-1 Villa; 250-1 Brighton.

Favourite YOUR BEST BET

NEWTON ABBOT

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

1.55 CELEBRATING NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK NOVICES' HURDLE (4); winner £5,281; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 4-11 **KING'S SCHOLAR 86** O Murphy 5-11-12 — **Tom Hutsby (10) ●99**
2 5-U2412 **PLAYFUL FOX 31** D Skelton 4-11-4 — **Harry Skelton 96**
3 55-263 **BACARDI BLUE 60** D Summersby 5-11-0 — **Bryan Carver 80**
4 5909/4 **DEVON RED 31** N Scholfield 7-11-0 — **Jack Quinlan 91**
5 452-31 **WHERMYROSEMARYGOES 29** F Bramley 5-11-0 — **Harry Cobden 97**
6 7-678 **LUNDY VIEW 34** N Hawke 4-10-4 — **James Davies 71**

BETTING: 8-11 King's Scholar, 11-4 Whermyrosemarygoes, 7-2 Playful Fox, 12 Devon Red, 50 Bacardi Blue, 150 Lundy View
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 2 1 1
2025: Howth 6-11-12 Stan Sheppard 2-9 Fav (T Lacey), 6 ran.

2.30 HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY JOHN LANE CONDITIONALS' HANDICAP CHASE (5); £5,017; 3m 2f. (6 runners)

1 42-3116 **SIR CARNEGIE 35 (B)** M Bowen 6-12-0 — **Shane Fenelon 93**
2 5PP-922 **GREAT D'ANGE 34 (V;CD)** A Gibbons 10-11-12 — **Tom Broughton ●99**
3 222-233 **LIMERICK LEADER 40 (B;C)** N Scholfield 9-11-10 — **Freddie Keighley 97**
4 41213-1 **MY GIRL KATIE 34 (CD)** G Harris 9-11-4 — **Alix Balfe (7) 98**
5 2/63-27 **HONEY I'M GOOD 34 (CD)** C Williams 10-10-9 — **Rian Corcoran 92**
6 P172P-6 **HARDY BUCK 37** M Comley 8-10-2 — **Luke Scott 91**

BETTING: 11-8 My Girl Katie, 9-4 Great D'Ange, 15-2 Limerick Leader, 10 Hardy Buck, Sir Carnegie, Honey I'm Good
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.05 PHILIP WILSON MEMORIAL NOVICES' LIMITED HCAP CHASE (3); winner £7,922; 2m. (4 runners)

1 42-2111 **GORE POINT 40 (CD)** A Honeyball 6-11-10 — **Sam Twiston-Davies 98**
2 444-127 **COBBLER'S BOY 62 (CD)** S Davies 6-11-3 — **James Best 94**
3 72-1112 **ICE JET 29** D Skelton 4-10-13 — **Harry Skelton ●99**
4 49P/524 **HOOPER 34** N & W Twiston-Davies 10-10-7 — **Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell (7) 86**

BETTING: 6-5 Gore Point, 5-4 Ice Jet, 15-2 Cobbler's Boy, 16 Hooper
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 3 2
2025: Breaking Cover 7-10-5 Sam Twiston-Davies 16-5 (A Honeyball), 4 ran.

3.40 TORBAY WEEKLY HANDICAP HURDLE (5); value to the winner £4,489; 2m 2f 110yds. (11 runners)

1 -527138 **LAKEFIELD FLYER 27** F O'Brien 8-12-0 — **Liam Harrison 97**
2 76567P- **TIME INTERVAL 125 (D)** D Skelton 8-11-12 — **non-runner 98**
3 F10P-P7 **HILLSIN 79 (CD)** A Jones 8-11-11 — **James Turner (5) 83**
4 6P37-74 **SON OF HYPNOS 34 (V)** R Chapman 9-11-10 — **Jack Stenhouse (7) 85**
5 P2P-366 **ELECTRIC EDDY 46** N & W Twiston-Davies 8-11-7 — **Sam Twiston-Davies 91**
6 6403-98 **UNCLE REMUS 52** H Knight 5-11-5 — **Sean Bowen 93**
7 647-745 **UGO BINGO 40 (D)** J Tizzard 7-11-4 — **Brendan Powell 95**
8 -255123 **SAUCATS 34 (CD)** J Tickle 5-10-12 — **Ben Godfrey 96**
9 72-5927 **MAN OH MAN 34 (B★)** D Summersby 7-10-10 — **Bryan Carver 91**
10 05-5833 **HAWA JUMEIRAH 40** H Nelmes 5-10-9 — **Paul O'Brien 97**
11 92-P451 **MI SUENO 34 (C D)** N Scholfield 7-10-8 — **Harry Reed ●99**

BETTING: 11-4 Mi Sueno, 11-2 Lakefield Flyer, 13-2 Hawa Jumeirah, Saucats, 15-2 Ugo Bingo, 12 Uncle Remus, Electric Eddy, Man Oh Man
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 9 3
2025: Baikal 6-10-8 Joe Anderson 18-1 (G Harris), 13 ran.

4.15 AUBREY LOZE MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (2); value to the winner £15,843; 2m 6f. (8 runners)

1 /U45B-6 **SOUL ICON 35** Kieran Burke 9-12-0 — **Mr Hugo Hunt (7) 93**
2 0F00-7P **ZILLOW 27** F Bramley 6-11-5 — **Harry Cobden 92**
3 324-515 **AMERICAN SNIPER 55 (B;BF,CD)** D Pipe 8-11-2 — **Rian Corcoran (5) 94**
4 51/3I1- **HANDLETHEKETTLE 411** J Snowden 7-11-1 — **Isabelle Ryder (5) 97**
5 /3531-2 **KITTY FOYLE F45 (C)** D Hitchins 6-11-0 — **Harry Reed 95**
6 13-4144 **MORNING MAYHEM 35 (C)** N Scholfield 5-10-12 — **Kielan Woods 96**
7 U40/1-8 **LETTERSTON LILY 35** M Bowen 6-10-10 — **Sean Bowen 90**
8 08-1131 **SUPREME YEATS 57 (B;C,D)** D Skelton 10-10-10 — **Harry Skelton ●99**

BETTING: 11-8 Supreme Yeats, 9-2 Handlethekettle, 8 Morning Mayhem, Soul Icon, 10 American Sniper, Kitty Foyle, 14 Letterston Lily, Zillow
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 7 1 2
2025: Queens Venture 5-10-4 Tristan Durrell 15-2 (D Skelton), 8 ran.

4.52 SUN RACING SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP HCAP HURDLE (4); winner £5,281; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 FP0P-50 **CHARLUS 35 (H)** D Skelton 5-12-0 — **Tristan Durrell 88**
2 /2442-P **MOJITO DES MOTTES 35 (D)** B Pauling 4-11-11 — **Harry Cobden 91**
3 2413U-4 **MAX OF STARS F17 (CD)** O Pears 6-11-11 — **Sam Twiston-Davies 97**
4 P/6455- **SAYVA 239 (D)** J & A O'Neill 6-11-11 — **Richie McLernon 96**
5 3P1-121 **ARCTIC VOYAGE 50 (CD)** M Blake 4-11-9 — **Harry Reed ●99**
6 2P315- **LUNAR ORBIT 198 (H,T★;BF,D)** D Skelton 4-10-11 — **Harry Skelton 98**

BETTING: 13-8 Arctic Voyage, 4 Lunar Orbit, 9-2 Sayva, 5 Max Of Stars, 7 Mojito Des Mottes, 10 Charlus
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2-6 2
2025: Hope Rising 4-11-3 Gavin Sheehan 5-2 (J Snowden), 5 ran.

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
1.55 Whermyrosemarygoes	1.55 Playful Fox
2.30 My Girl Katie	2.30 Great D'Ange
3.05 Ice Jet	3.05 Ice Jet
3.40 Mi Sueno	3.40 Electric Eddy
4.15 Supreme Yeats	4.15 Morning Mayhem
4.52 Arctic Voyage	4.52 Max Of Stars

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed flat, tight track of 1m, seven fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): J Tizzard 33-174, D Skelton 32-96, D Pipe 22-136, F O'Brien 18-87. THIS SEASON: D Skelton 10, Nick Scholfield 4, A Honeyball 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): H Cobden 34-130, S Twiston-Davies 30-122, H Skelton 25-68, B J Powell 22-153. THIS SEASON: H Skelton 10, H Reed 4, S Twiston-Davies 3. ■BLINKERED FIRST TIME: 3.40 Man Oh Man. ■VISORED FIRST TIME: None. ■JOB JOCKEYS: H Cobden rides Whermyrosemarygoes (1.55), Zillow (4.15) for F Bramley, 10 from 28, 36%. H Cobden rides Mojito Des Mottes (4.52) for B Pauling, 4 from 11, 36%. R Corcoran rides American Sniper (4.15) for D Pipe, 25 from 81, 31%. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Max Of Stars (4.52) trained at Malton. Round trip of 666 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Time Interval (3.40), Ugo Bingo (3.40), Lunar Orbit (4.52). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

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GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

4.18 EVERY RACE LIVE ON RACING TV EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5); 2-y-o; £4,320; 6f. (12 runners)

1 (9) 23 **GREEN BAY DREAM 7** T Easterby 9-7 — **Duran Fentiman 97**
2 (11) 4 **ON GOLDEN POND 28** T Coyle & K Wood 9-7 — **David Nolan ●99**
3 (8) 86 **UBETAWATCHOUT 22** N Tinkler 9-7 — **Faye McManoman 85**
4 (5) 26 **DON'T STOP MOVIN 47** M Dods 9-4 — **Connor Beasley 98**
5 (4) 6 **DONTLOOKANYFURTHER 52** J & S Quinn 9-4 — **Jason Hart 92**
6 (1) 00 **HEY DOUGIE 31** P Kirby 9-4 — **James Sullivan 80**
7 (10) 7 **WHICHONESTH D** N Tinkler 9-4 — **Alex Jary (3) 75**
8 (12) **ORFILIA** D O'Meara 9-2 — **Sean D Bowen —**
9 (7) 7 **PIPER CEE 19** K R Burke 9-2 — **Lewis Edmunds 91**
10 (3) **COMMANDER KEITH** K Frost 9-1 — **William Pyle —**
11 (6) **SEADREAMIN** R & P Fahey 9-1 — **Oisin McSweeney —**
12 (2) 52 **CALLISTERRA 63** M Dods 8-13 — **Billy Garritty 96**

BETTING: 3 Don't Stop Movin, 4 On Golden Pond, 5 Callisterra, 6 Green Bay Dream, Seadreamin, 7 Orfilia, 14 Piper Cee, Dontlookanyfurther
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 8 1 1 2
2025: Bye Law 9-9 Duran Fentiman 2-1 (T Easterby) drawn 9, 10 ran.

4.50 WATCH RACING TV NOW SELLING STAKES (5); 2-y-o; value to the winner £4,320; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (8) 6612335 **AMANTHA 9 (D)** B Ellison 9-5 — **Connor Beasley 97**
2 (6) 697222 **BIGALO 15 (B)** R Bastiman 9-4 — **Oisin McSweeney ●99**
3 (5) 34 **BREAKING THE HABIT 8** T Easterby 9-4 — **Duran Fentiman 93**
4 (2) **HIDDEN ARMY** O Pears 9-4 — **Harry Russell —**
5 (3) 9 **HOPE OF ACKLAM 8** M & D Easterby 9-4 — **Billy Garritty 81**
6 (1) 99 **RIGHT UP MY ALI 58** M Walford 9-4 — **Rhys Elliott (5) 80**
7 (7) 68 **EXPENSIVE LUXURY 15** K R Burke 8-13 — **Lewis Edmunds 89**
8 (10) **HERE'S TO IT** M & D Easterby 8-13 — **Shay Farmer (5) —**
9 (4) **MALENY** J & S Quinn 8-13 — **Jason Hart —**
10 (9) 42376 **PENNY ARCADE 24** O Greenall & J Guerriero 8-13 — **William Pyle 98**
11 (11) 76 **SENORITA LUNA 14** M Botti 8-13 — **Warren Fentiman (3) 87**

BETTING: 5-2 Bigalo, 3 Penny Arcade, 4 Amantha, 8 Maleny, 12 Breaking The Habit, 14 Here's To It, 16 Expensive Luxury, 20 Hidden Army, Senorita Luna
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.25 MARSKE FABRICATIONS AND ENGINEERING HCAP (4); value to the winner £5,234; 1m. (10 runners)

1 (9) -609225 **KALEIDO 37** D O'Meara 4-10-2 — **Sean D Bowen 97**
2 (1) 36941F5 **RAJAPOUR 21 (CD)** D O'Meara 6-10-1 — **Billy Garritty ●99**
3 (4) R0-6718 **MR KING 29 (H;D)** G Harker 6-10-0 — **Connor Beasley 93**
4 (5) 63-6888 **REGALIAN 12** T Coyle & K Wood 4-9-11 — **David Nolan 88**
5 (8) 5212-97 **QUEEN TAMARA 64** H Charlton 3-9-10 — **Lewis Edmunds 96**
6 (7) 765-614 **CAMINO DEL RAY 135 (D)** J Camacho 4-9-9 — **Jason Hart 95**
7 (6) 6631117 **POET'S DAWN 7 (CD)** T Easterby 11-9-9 — **Duran Fentiman 97**
8 (10) 6-41036 **SUBSTANCE 8 (D)** M Walford 3-9-5 — **Jack Garritty 91**
9 (3) 8865129 **MOUNT KING 8 (B;D)** T Easterby 6-9-1 — **Jake Dickson (5) 94**
10 (2) 416-579 **BOY NAMED SIOUX 12** R & P Fahey 3-8-11 — **Oisin McSweeney 89**

BETTING: 7-2 Kaleido, 4 Queen Tamara, 5 Rajapour, 6 Camino Del Ray, 8 Poet's Dawn, 10 Mr King, 12 Mount King, 14 Substance, Regalian, 16 Boy Named Sioux
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-3 0 3 1
2025: Double Parked 3-8-13 Warren Fentiman 15-8 Fav (T Easterby) drawn 3, 7 ran.

6.00 BAKERS TAILORING HANDICAP (DIV 1) (5); value to the winner £4,187; 1m 2f. (9 runners)

1 (6) 182-643 **MIGHTY QUIET 69 (D)** H Charlton 5-9-13 — **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
2 (3) 7772668 **EVE'S BOY 47** M Dods 4-9-12 — **Connor Beasley 92**
3 (4) 4742 **POPPEYE 63** G Tuer 4-9-11 — **Oliver Stammers 98**
4 (1) 0517615 **BAY DREAM BELIEVER 11 (H;D)** M Walford 7-9-10 — **Jason Hart 93**
5 (7) 4492-60 **KARTINI 16** S Whitaker 4-9-10 — **Rhys Elliott (5) 75**
6 (5) 8-1756 **SOGNIAMO 11** D O'Meara 3-9-7 — **David Nolan 89**
7 (9) 35330 **MUDITA 28 (D)** R & P Fahey 3-9-7 — **Billy Garritty 87**
8 (8) 1340412 **FILLE IMBASSEE 39 (H;D)** J Camacho 3-9-6 — **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 95**
9 (2) 2115545 **WOODLEIGH 7 (CD)** R Fell 5-9-4 — **Oisin McSweeney 85**

BETTING: 7-2 Poppeye, 5 Mighty Quiet, 8 Fille Imbassee, 12 Eve's Boy, Bay Dream Believer, 16 Sogniamo, Mudita, 20 Woodleigh, 50 Kartini
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Mystical Maria 4-9-8 Oisin Orr 2-1 Fav (R & P Fahey) drawn 7, 6 ran.

6.30 BAKERS TAILORING HANDICAP (DIV 2) (5); value to the winner £4,187; 1m 2f. (9 runners)

1 (9) 48-7607 **CHESNEYS CHARM 14** I Furtado 4-9-12 — **Jason Hart 90**
2 (4) 4601324 **YAFAARR 23 (BF,C)** S England 4-9-11 — **Cian Horgan (5) 96**
3 (3) 9576644 **COSMOS RAJ 17 (D)** D O'Meara 8-9-9 — **Billy Garritty 94**
4 (6) 2543 **ALWAYS BLUE 22** H Bethell 3-9-9 — **Sean D Bowen 92**
5 (8) 9025433 **BOUBYAN 16 (D)** M Appleby 4-9-9 — **Lewis Edmunds 98**
6 (1) 524-8 **ADIADA 12 (H)** M Dods 3-9-6 — **Rhys Elliott (5) 91**
7 (2) -945626 **SWEET KISS 12 (P★;D)** T Easterby 4-9-5 — **Jake Dickson (5) 97**
8 (5) 46343 **CEINTURE D'ORION 12** D O'Meara 3-9-3 — **David Nolan 95**
9 (7) -000962 **WHISKEY PETE 21** N Tinkler 5-9-3 — **Alex Jary (3) ●99**

BETTING: 7-2 Whiskey Pete, 4 Ceinture D'orion, 5 Sweet Kiss, Boubyan, 6 Yafaarr, 10 Cosmos Raj, 12 Always Blue, 16 Chesneys Charm, Adiada
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: See Div 1.

7.00 MARKET CROSS JEWELLERS HANDICAP (DIV 1) (5); value to the winner £4,187; 6f. (11 runners)

1 (4) **10-2350 RAATEA 29 (H;D)** J Camacho 9-10-0 — **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 91**
2 (7) 0451177 **HOVER ON THE WIND 8 (D)** P Midgley 6-9-12 — **David Nolan 88**
3 (9) -432135 **INGLEBY ARCHIE 29 (C,D)** A Nicholls 5-9-10 — **Jack Garritty 97**
4 (1) -875107 **SUGAR BABY 17 (CD)** P Niven 8-9-9 — **Billy Garritty 87**
5 (6) **1005**054 **THE CALTONIAN 15 (D)** L Perratt 7-9-7 — **Alex Jary (3) 95**
6 (11) 7352313 **MR COOL 14 (D)** C Johnston 4-9-7 — **Connor Beasley 96**
7 (2) **3-**43302 **SPIRIT OF APPLAUSE 17 (B;D)** T Easterby 6-9-6 — **Duran Fentiman ●99**
8 (8) 4314549 **LIVERPOOL STAR 29 (D)** M & D Easterby 3-9-3 — **Shay Farmer (5) 93**
9 (3) 8222426 **TAYGAR 29 (BF,CD)** M Dods 5-9-2 — **Lewis Edmunds 94**
10 (5) **4-16405 SHOWTIME MAHOMES 16 (D)** G Tuer 7-9-0 — **Oliver Stammers 92**
11 (10) 62310-3 **MISSMIMI 17 (CD)** T Jackson 6-8-13 — **Warren Fentiman (3) 91**

BETTING: 4 Mr Cool, 5 Spirit Of Applause, 11-2 Ingleby Archie, 6 The Caltonian, 7 Taygar, 8 Showtime Mahomes, 12 Liverpool Star, 14 Raatea, Missmimi
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 1 2 5
2025: Alpine Girl 5-9-8 Ryan Sexton 12-1 (J Camacho) drawn 1, 10 ran.

7.30 MARKET CROSS JEWELLERS HANDICAP (DIV 2) (5); value to the winner £4,187; 6f. (10 runners)

1 (5) 3212126 **FARANDAWAY 15 (D)** G Tuer 4-9-13 — **Oliver Stammers 98**
2 (4) **149-**404 **BONNIE'S BOY 29** R & P Fahey 4-9-11 — **Warren Fentiman (3) ●99**
3 (8) 1641737 **ROTOKURA BELLE 21 (BF)** I Furtado 3-9-10 — **Billy Garritty 97**
4 (10) **2904049 IRISH NECTAR 26 (B;D)** M Herrington 5-9-9 — **Lewis Edmunds 92**
5 (2) -516542 **MARAJITO 19 (C)** T Easterby 4-9-7 — **Oisin McSweeney 96**
6 (7) **0-**25204 **CAIRDEAS 16** P Midgley 4-9-6 — **David Nolan 95**
7 (6) 0842144 **COME ON OVER 21 (V;D)** D O'Meara 3-9-3 — **Sean D Bowen 94**
8 (1) 6150-09 **MAGISTERY 45 (D)** M Dods 3-9-2 — **Connor Beasley 84**
9 (9) 64-9369 **MEN OF HONOUR 52** R Carr 4-9-1 — **James Sullivan 86**
10 (3) 22-0775 **SPEEDING BULLET 25 (D)** P Midgley 5-9-1 — **Jason Hart 90**

BETTING: 4 Bonnie's Boy, 9-2 Farandaway, 5 Marajito, 6 Rotokura Belle, 7 Cairdeas, 8 Come On Over, 10 Irish Nectar, 14 Speeding Bullet
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: See Div 1.

8.00 CELEBRATE NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,664; 6f. (20 runners)

1 (12) 7-08992 **MACEDONIAN 12 (V;D)** M Dods 4-9-11 — **Connor Beasley 98**
2 (13) 3594 **MULTANEIGHTTOTHREE 2** G Tuer 4-9-9 — **Oliver Stammers 85**
3 (15) 64-880 **LINDORO 62 (B★)** S Hanlon 4-9-9 — **Oisin McSweeney 84**
4 (17) -254303 **STORMY PEARL 24 (CD)** D Thompson 6-9-7 — **Rhys Elliott (5) 91**
5 (16) 64687 **HEATHERS FEATHER 3 (P★)** T Waggott 3-9-6 — **Alex Jary (3) 89**
6 (2) /864451 **NIGHT EMPEROR 24 (CD)** T Jackson 4-9-6 — **Warren Fentiman (3) ●99**
7 (8) 2012443 **LOPE Y LINDA 15** T Easterby 3-9-5 — **Jake Dickson (5) 97**
8 (7) 764-715 **LITTLE BECK ANNIE 57 (BF,D)** P Niven 4-9-4 — **David Nolan 94**
9 (9) /8-7661 **DRISH SAMPHIRE 15 (D)** L Mullaney 4-9-4 — **Cian Horgan (5) 95**
10 (10) 5/658 **FAIR ISLE SIOUX 37** A Nicol 6-9-2 — **Jack Garritty 84**
11 (11) 75-3424 **SOUTH SHORE ISLAND 11 (T★)** L Quinlan 4-9-2 — **Molly Keegan-Price (7) 88**
12 (5) 3433522 **ELLIE'S DE VEGA 14 (B;BF)** P Kirby 3-9-1 — **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 96**
13 (19) 2221533 **BATTENBURG BELLE 18 (D)** R Menzies 3-9-1 — **Kyle McHugh (7) 90**
14 (6) -767855 **MRS TRUMP 15 (CD)** P Midgley 6-9-0 — **Jason Hart 94**
15 (1) 8802273 **INDY'S ANGEL 17 (D)** P Kirby 4-9-0 — **Lewis Edmunds 95**
16 (20) 9466047 **HURSTWOOD 15 (CD)** P Niven 9-9-0 — **Billy Garritty 84**
17 (14) 88-5658 **RINKY TINKY TINKY 22 (D)** I G-Leveque 4-9-0 — **Faye McManoman 83**
18 (16) 7793767 **ZIVA'S STAR 18 (B★)** S Whitaker 4-9-0 — **Andrew Elliott 85**
19 (3) 4725240 **SPARKLING WINE 28** M Dods 3-8-11 — **William Pyle 87**
20 (4) 784 **LADY GREY 24** T Easterby 3-8-11 — **Duran Fentiman 82**

BETTING: 6 Night Emperor, 7 Macedonian, 8 Lope Y Linda, 10 Ellie's De Vega, Little Beck Annie, Indy's Angel, Drish Samphire, 12 Mrs Trump, Stormy Pearl
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 6 2 1 3-4
2025: Bibendum 4-9-4 Ryan Sexton 7-2 (J Camacho) drawn 4, 5 ran.

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
4.18 Green Bay Dream	4.18 On Golden Pond
4.50 Bigalo	4.50 Maleny
5.25 Kaleido	5.25 Poet's Dawn
6.00 Poppeye	6.00 Sogniamo
6.30 Always Blue	6.30 Sweet Kiss
7.00 Mr Cool	7.00 Mr Cool
7.30 Farandaway	7.30 Cairdeas
8.00 Night Emperor	8.00 Drish Samphire

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed galloping, oval track of 1m 6f, round course joins the straight just over 5f from the finish. ■DRAW: Middle to high numbers have a decided advantage on the straight course ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): T Easterby 49-570, D O'Meara 34-226, N Tinkler 22-203, M Dods 20-234. THIS SEASON: D O'Meara 7. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): J Hart 33-208, C Beasley 29-223, D Nolan 16-137, A Jary 10-73. THIS SEASON: J Hart 5. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Queen Tamara (5.25) & Mighty Quiet (6.00) trained at Beckhampton. Round trip of 532 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Magistery (7.30), Men Of Honour (7.30). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

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GOLDEN RUN . . . magic mare Beorma has won seven in a row and set to return after a break at Stratford on Tuesday for Skeltons

HARRY'S BEEN A BUSY BE

By JACK KEENE

THE runaway Sun Racing Summer Jumps Championship leader Harry Skelton joined a very elite club at Stratford on Thursday.

He became the tenth winningmost jumps jockey of all time when scoring aboard Fine Thing and Glenmalure Flyer, moving past the retired Davy Russell and on to 1,590 winners.

The former champion jockey, 36, has been in sensational form so far this season, already notching 68 winners at an astonishing 38 per cent strike-rate.

His brother Dan has also hit the ground running in his bid to train a record number of winners in a jumps season, with the goal of surpassing Martin Pipe's record of 243.

One horse who has contributed plenty to the Skelton tally already is the likeable Beorma.

She has rattled off an incredible SEVEN wins in a row, starting her streak at Worcester on May 28.

The mare strode home easily at Market Rasen last time and she will be back at Stratford on Tuesday.

TOP TRAINER
1. Dan Skelton.................459
2. Mickey Bowen.............201
3. Jonjo & AJ O'Neill.......185
4. James Owen.................149
5. Olly Murphy.................138

TOP JOCKEY
1. Harry Skelton..............456
2. Sean Bowen.................355
3. Jonjo O'Neill Jr............137
4. Danny McMenamin.......119
5. Harry Reed....................117

TOP SMALLER TRAINER
1. David Pipe....................115
2. James Moffatt.............102
2. Micky Hammond..........102
4. Nick Scholfield..............77
5. Tristan Davidson............74

TOP OWNER
1. Hools & Forces..............79
2. David Pipe Racing Club.45
3. J McIver.........................40
4. The Cheeky Pups..........38
5. Dan Skelton/R Nichol...35

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

FFOS LAS
Going: Good

2.10: 1 SAFARI DREAM F Marsh (10-3); **2 Army Bugler** (28-1); **3 Sixtygeesbaby** (5-4 fav). 6 ran. ½l; ½l. B Millman. T: £4.34; £1.90, £8.70. Ex: £72.60. Trifecta: £231.10. CF: £70.34.

2.45: 1 OVIEDO Millie Wonnacott (1-2 fav); **2 Searchingtheblues** (16-1); **3 Green Icon** (22-1). 7 ran. 2¼l; 2¼l. Alexandra Dunn. T: £1.50; £1.20, £4.90. Ex: £10.20. Trifecta: £80. CF: £10.81.

3.20: 1 KORBUT L Morris (8-13 fav); **2 Likeness** (4-1); **3 Reader** (11-4). 3 ran. ¾l; ½l. Sir M Prescott. T: £1.62; Ex: £2.40. Trifecta: £3.50. CF: £3.32.

3.55: 1 GOLDEN MABEL B Ffrench-Davis (40-1); **2 Arvana Belle** (12-1); **3 Willowinghurn** (5-1). 12 ran (Iconic Dawn 4-1 co fav, Medyg 4-1 co fav, Diamond Ali 4-1 co fav). hd; ½l. L Williamson. T: £54.10; £2, £10.60, £3.10. Ex: £770.40. Tricast: £2884.89. Trifecta: £3613.90. CF: £486.70.

4.30: 1 CITY ESCAPE K O'Neill (12-1); **2 Gert Lush** (5-2 fav); **3 Charencey** (10-3). 10 ran. 1l; shd. Mrs N Evans. T: £24.70; £5.10, £1.30, £1.40. Ex: £76.20. Trifecta: £268. CF: £43.47. NR: Typeface.

5.02: 1 DREAM OF ITHACA Liam Wright (6-1); **2 Atalanta Mist** (9-4 fav); **3 Adrian** (14-1). 10 ran. ¾l; ¾l. J Gallagher. T: £7.20; £2.20, £1.40, £3.50. Ex: £25.30. Tricast: £184.26. Trifecta: £267.20. CF: £19.94.

PLACEPOT: £151.70
QUADPOT: £25.10

HAMILTON
Going: Good to soft

4.33: 1 PIKACHU David Egan (1-25 fav); **2 Trumpety Trump** (12-1); **3 Nice Neasy Does It** (18-1). 3 ran. 12l; 8l. C Johnston. T: £1.04; Ex: £1.30. Trifecta: £1.90. CF: £1.58.

5.07: 1 POLYGRAM D Allan (9-2); **2 Krissy** (18-1); **3 Foxy Night** (5-1). 9 ran (Wild Dahlia 15-8 fav). shd; 1½l. T Davidson. T: £5.50; £1.60, £3.70, £1.70. Ex: £89.90. Tricast: £421.21. Trifecta: £345.20. CF: £80.53.

5.40: 1 NAKASSAMA Shane Gray (4-1); **2 Lord D'or** (4-9 fav); **3 Flagbearer** (9-2). 3 ran. nk; nk. N C Kelly (IRE) . T: £5; Ex: £5.70. Trifecta: £4.90. CF: £6.49.

6.15: 1 EVANESCO David Egan (4-1); **2 Salamanca City** (11-2); **3 Yabher** (9-2). 13 ran (Tiernan 10-3 fav). 1¼l; hd. C Johnston. T: £5.60; £2.10, £2.10, £2.20. Ex: £37.50. Tricast: £107.05. Trifecta: £174.30. CF: £26.52. NR: Ashnak, Letsbefrank.

6.45: 1 ETERNAL SUNSHINE Lauren Young (10-3 fav); **2 Advertised** (8-1); **3 Jordan Electrics** (17-2). 11 ran. ½l; ¾l. J Goldie. T: £4.34; £1.50, £3.20, £2.80. Ex: £45.10. Tricast: £218.10. Trifecta: £407.80. CF: £32.55. NR: Stargazed, Tatterstall.

7.15: 1 HUNKY DORY T Kiely-Marshall (22-1); **2 Belsito** (10-1); **3 Jannas Journey** (15-2). 11 ran (Sir Garfield 3-1 fav). hd; nk. Miss L Perratt. T: £23.10; £5.50, £3, £2.80. Ex: £310.10. Tricast: £1829.69. Trifecta: £2593.50. CF: £225.32.

7.45: 1 CITY CAPTAIN C Rodriguez (3-1 fav); **2 Miraculous** (7-1); **3 Dandy Magic** (4-1). 10 ran. 1l; ¾l. H Bethell. T: £4: £1.80, £2.30, £1.70. Ex: £21.20. Tricast: £88.42. Trifecta: £109.40. CF: £24.81.

8.15: 1 THISTLE NIL Rhys Elliott (40-1); **2 Harb** (7-2); **3 Tanjen** (11-8 fav). 10 ran. nk; nk. J Goldie. T: £69.60; £9.50, £1.60, £1.20. Ex: £428.70. Tricast: £339.86. Trifecta: £2014.50. CF: £180.88. NR: Hi Lord, Jm Jhingree, Startling.

PLACEPOT: £446
QUADPOT: £116.60

KILLARNEY
Going: Good

5.12: 1 SEAXBURH D McDonogh (3-1); **2 Maggie Walker** (4-1); **3 Old Joanie** (11-1). 6 ran (Belicoso 6-4 fav). 3¼l; shd. J P O'Brien. T: €4; €1.40, €2.20. Ex: €10.90. Tricast: €115.56. Trifecta: €56.20. CF: €16.03. NR: Elyatta, Margot Mae.

5.47: 1 MANTON BAY L T McAteer (13-8 fav); **2 Totally Puzzled** (14-1); **3 Elmakaya** (6-1). 8 ran. ½l; 1½l. D Marnane. T: €2.63; €1.10, €2.30, €2.40. Ex: €27.80. Trifecta: €122.20. CF: €28.13.

6.20: 1 JAGGED EDGE Jack Kearney (7-2); **2 Carolina Jetstream** (3-1); **3 Hardy Warrior** (11-8 fav). 10 ran. 1¼l; 1¼l. Stephen Thorne. T: €4.50; €1.40, €1.20, €1.20. Ex: €13.60. Trifecta: €30.20. CF: €14.54. NR: Cristal Clere.

6.50: 1 ONLY ONE SCOBIE L F Roche (50-1); **2 Chapel Lane** (9-2); **3 Sweet Baby Zou** (8-1). 9 ran (Chirac 7-2 fav). 1¼l; 1¼l. P W Flynn. T: €51; €8.20, €1.80, €2.10. Ex: €195.40. Tricast: €2061.31. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €275.61. NR: John La Bear.

7.20: 1 GAOTH CHUIL Reese Holohan (12-1); **2 Light Up The Dark** (3-1 jtfav); **3 Factual Fact** (4-1). 10 ran (Eagle Fang 3-1 jtfav). ½l; hd. T M Walsh. T: €15.40; €4, €1.60, €1.80. Ex: €90.10. Tricast: €179.85. Trifecta: €491. CF: €51.44. NR: Granite Bay, Immutable, Taipan.

7.50: 1 TRUBSHAW Gabriella Hill (7-1); **2 Lady Plimsoll** (13-8 fav); **3 Charlie Brow'n** (10-1). 9 ran. 6½l; ¾l. H De Bromhead. T: €8.50; €2.70, €1.10, €2.40. Ex: €29.80. Tricast: €119.49. Trifecta: €220.50. CF: €19.53. NR: Desert Friend.

8.20: 1 RAGMANS CORNER Mr F Maguire (11-10 fav); **2 Murat** (6-4); **3 Glowing Account** (28-1). 8 ran. hd; 1¼l. G Keane. T: €2.10; €1.02, €1.10, €3.40. Ex: €3.30. Trifecta: €30.10. CF: €3.26.

PLACEPOT: €71.30

KILBEGGAN
Going: Good-good to yielding in places

4.56: 1 PUPPET MASTER E Finegan (5-1); **2 Kimi De Mai** (evens fav); **3 First Ascent** (11-4). 13 ran. ½l; 1½l. Ciaran Murphy. T: €7.20; €1.90, €1.10, €1.10. Ex: €21.50. Trifecta: €59. CF: €11.23. NR: Charles The Bold, Geashill Poet, Loadstone, Rickety Kate.

5.32: 1 LA COTE FLEURIE D J O'Keeffe (10-3); **2 Mino Des Mottes** (10-3); **3 Rosie's Wings** (2-1 fav). 9 ran. 1½l; 2l. H De Bromhead. T: €4.34; €1.30, €1.50, €1.20. Ex: €14.70. Trifecta: €42.20. CF: €15.39.

6.05: 1 BHEAN SAIBHRE Peter Smithers (12-1); **2 Cloonainra** (12-1); **3 Blue Reed** (14-1). 15 ran (Diamond Tipp 4-1 fav). 1¾l; 1¾l. A A Howard. T: €19.50; €4.90, €4.70, €4. Ex: €345.70. Tricast: €2093.35. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €161.56. NR: Andvourbirdcansing, Kome Dans Un Reve, Secret Rock, Steps In The Sand.

6.35: 1 DAD SEZ J W Kennedy (4-6 fav); **2 Go To The Moon** (28-1); **3 L'as De Watt** (11-1). 8 ran. 17l; ½l. G Elliott. T: €1.67; €1.02, €3.40, €2.40. Ex: €12.20. Trifecta: €161.80. CF: €25.49.

7.05: 1 FR GILLIGANSVOYGE E Finegan (6-1); **2 Gorthill** (40-1); **3 Deadheat** (40-1). 14 ran (Lecale's Diamond 4-1 fav). 2½l; ¾l. J G Carr. T: €7; €2.10, €10.80, €13.40. Ex: €315.40. Tricast: €8662.22. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €231.72.

7.35: 1 A WAVE OF THE SEA Charlie O'Dwyer (9-1); **2 Charlie Luciano** (5-2 fav); **3 Granville Street** (12-1). 8 ran. 12l; 4¾l. J P Broderick. T: €10; €1.70, €1.30, €3.40. Ex: €35.50. Tricast: €281.23. Trifecta: €530.50. CF: €34.40. NR: Ceanndana.

8.05: 1 HILL SILVER Mr D McGill (6-5 fav); **2 Bellahill** (4-1); **3 In Around Thehouse** (9-1). 11 ran. nk; 15l. Ciaran Murphy. T: €2.20; €1.10, €1.60, €1.70. Ex: €7.30. Trifecta: €38.40. CF: €6.65.

PLACEPOT: €236.90

NEWMARKET
Going: Good to firm-good in places

2.00: 1 BEGUILED B Loughnane (1-3 fav); **2 Jessica** (7-1); **3 Show Me Glory** (12-1). 7 ran. 2l; 2¼l. J & T Gosden. T: £1.34; £1.10, £2.60. Ex: £3.10. Trifecta: £12.80. CF: £3.41.

2.35: 1 MAJESTIC JUDE H Davies (2-1); **2 Al Jabbar** (4-9 fav); **3 Astabuen** (22-1). 6 ran. 3¾l; ns. W Haggas. T: £3.10; £1.10, £1.10. Ex: £4. Trifecta: £11.30. CF: £3.26.

3.10: 1 ANGEL SHARED D Costello (11-4 fav); **2 Shallow** (3-1); **3 Zighy** (4-1). 8 ran. ½l; ¾l. Steph Hollinshead. T: £3.75; £1.40, £1.30, £1.50. Ex: £11.60. Tricast: £30.78. Trifecta: £44.80. CF: £11.32.

3.45: 1 EMMA'S LETTER B Loughnane (11-4); **2 Liberate** (5-2); **3 Miss Guinevere** (9-1). 5 ran (Fanciulla Del West 2-1 fav). 2½l; ½l. E Dunlop. T: £3.75; £1.60, £1.70. Ex: £12.60. Trifecta: £46.90. CF: £10.18.

4.20: 1 ZURNA D E Hogan (9-2); **2 Parisian Scholar** (4-1); **3 Patrol** (13-2). 4 ran (Rizal 8-11 fav). ¾l; 1l. J & S Birkett. T: £5.50; Ex: £18.80. Trifecta: £33.10. CF: £20.34.

4.51: 1 ALLEGRINO C Hutchinson (2-1 fav); **2 Bami** (7-1); **3 Hilltop** (7-2). 7 ran. 2¾l; ½l. A Balding. T: £3; £3.40, £1.50. Ex: £19.30. Tricast: £46.47. Trifecta: £64. CF: £17.28. NR: Ghisa, Ironist.

PLACEPOT: £40
QUADPOT: £34.90

SALISBURY
Going: Good-good to firm in places

5.27: 1 KIMEKO GLORY Mr James Hills (11-2); **2 Prodigal Son** (7-1); **3 Palazzo Persico** (12-1). 7 ran (Darvel 10-3 fav). 12l; ¾l. C Hills. T: £6.50; £3, £3. Ex: £39.40. Tricast: £441.36. Trifecta: £230.90. CF: £42.49. NR: Prince Rasam.

5.57: 1 FILLIPAS L Edmunds (14-1); **2 Spirit Of Lyra** (4-7 fav); **3 Storm Force Ten** (80-1). 12 ran. ¾l; 3¾l. B Millman. T: £19.60; £2.80, £1.10, £13.40. Ex: £39.70. Trifecta: £2818.90. CF: £23.63. NR: Inmyopinion, Kaboom.

6.27: 1 ZEN DIVA R Clutterbuck (11-4); **2 Bintola** (3-1); **3 Kohana Nation** (9-4 fav). 6 ran. 10l; ½l. R Beckett. T: £3.75; £1.80, £2. Ex: £13.20. Trifecta: £33.50. CF: £11.64. NR: Havana Smile.

6.57: 1 BOX CLEVER Jason Watson (7-2); **2 Violet Goldsmith** (10-3); **3 Zipwire** (18-1). 8 ran (Footstepinthewoods 9-4 fav). 3¾l; 3l. J Portman. T: £4.50; £1.50, £1.30, £3.20. Ex: £11.50. Tricast: £181.64. Trifecta: £118. CF: £15.56.

7.27: 1 BINTWARD R Dawson (1-18 fav); **2 Golden Island** (11-2); **3 Herstmonceux** (40-1). 5 ran. 19l; 2¼l. R Varian. T: £1.10; £1.02, £1.40. Ex: £1.20. Trifecta: £2.40. CF: £1.13.

7.57: 1 DIGGER ONE Josephine Gordon (16-1); **2 Basilette** (10-3); **3 Moab** (2-1). 6 ran (A Daughters Love 15-8 fav). 2¾l; 1½l. Kieran Burke. T: £21.20; £4.90, £1.80. Ex: £86.80. Trifecta: £230.70. CF: £69.10.

PLACEPOT: £40.70
QUADPOT: £9.70

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Going: Good to soft

1.50: 1 BLUE COURVOISIER Rossa Ryan (13-2); **2 Eklleem** (12-1); **3 Krasimir** (18-1); **4 Outback Heat** (15-2). 19 ran (Zennor Storm 9-2 fav). 1½l; 2½l; shd. C Cox. T: £7.80; £2.95, £6.45, £7. Ex: £156.10. Tricast: £1411.33. Trifecta: £3396.30. CF: £79.10. NR: Lion Of Alba.

2.25: 1 AL NAYYIR W Buick (9-1); **2 Illinois** (13-2); **3 Mount Atlas** (4-1). 8 ran (Caballo De Mar 7-4 fav). 1l; 2¼l. Tom Clover. T: £10; £1.90, £2.20, £1.75. Ex: £48.80. Tricast: £274.08. Trifecta: £254.20. CF: £67.05. NR: Carmers.

3.00: 1 ARAPAHO GOLD C Beasley (2-1); **2 Final Objective** (18-1); **3 Hell Of A Spin** (18-1). 10 ran (Marco Polo 13-8 fav). ¾l; 2¼l. M Dods. T: £3.10; £1.40, £4, £5. Ex: £37.70. Tricast: £528.58. Trifecta: £361.10. CF: £39.75. NR: Great Oak, Mrair.

3.35: 1 BACIO Juan Hernandez (3-1 fav); **2 Starlust** (25-1); **3 Rumstar** (22-1); **4 Time For Sandals** (25-1). 18 ran. 1¼l; ns; ½l. W A Ward (USA) . T: £4; £1.75, £8.25, £7.65. Ex: £122.60. Tricast: £1493.14. Trifecta: £1898.20. CF: £92.47.

4.10: 1 PLAGE DE HAVRE P J McDonald (11-2); **2 French Duke** (14-1); **3 Say What You See** (11-1); **4 Primo Lara** (10-3 fav). 16 ran. ns; 1½l; 4l. A Balding. T: £7.90; £2.90, £6.35, £4.20. Ex: £127.80. Tricast: £853.28. Trifecta: £1240.80. CF: £80.56. NR: Truth Be Told.

4.45: 1 BENJAMIN HORNIGOLD C T Keane (16-1); **2 Dover Street** (40-1); **3 Sole Ambition** (33-1). 14 ran (Oklahoma 13-8 fav). 2l; 1l. J P O'Brien (IRE) . T: £22.10; £5.25, £8.15, £7.65. Ex: £447.80. Trifecta: £10850.20. CF: £534.03. NR: Rossbeigh.

5.20: 1 SILVER LAKE S Osborne (11-10 fav); **2 Pendella** (9-1); **3 Dream Camp** (16-1). 14 ran. hd; 1¼l. W Haggas. T: £2.10; £1.30, £2.80, £4.45. Ex: £20.40. Tricast: £117.75. Trifecta: £189. CF: £11.76. NR: Folk Pageant, Janey Mackers, Naga.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £20,123.09 carried over.
PLACEPOT: £20,315.40
QUADPOT: £1.177.10

YOUR NO 1 GREYHOUND ROUND-UP WITH CHRIS OLIVER

ADDY looks Dapper at Monmore this morning.

After a demolition job in an A10 on Monday, Dapper Addy (4) steps up to an A9 at 11.52 and this unexposed youngster has the scope to defy the rise in class.

The manner in which he paced up into an early lead and bounded clear for a facile success was very impressive, and the January 2025 puppy should have more to come after only two starts.

A drop into an A4 can work the oracle for his kennelmate Ballyhealy Star (1) at 11.18.

When last tried at this level three starts ago, Brian Thompson's bitch made all with plenty to spare and she can get the all-important first run again on the rails.

She clocked 28.96 that day and a similar effort today would make her hard to catch.

It's back to Monmore in the evening for a big-race double-header as the Ladbrokes Gold Cup and Summer Stayers Classic both reach their conclusion.

Jimmy Fenwick has a strong hand in both £10,000 deciders, starting with Zenith Pasha (3) in the latter event at 8.34.

Turned over at short odds in the heats, he showed the benefit of that run when powering home to deny Droopys Bookem in the fastest semi-final last Saturday.

He is well drawn in the white jacket and has a good chance to turn prominently.

Fenwick's Woltemade (5) can make it three from three in the Gold Cup at 8.54.

He went unbeaten through the Time Northern Flat at Newcastle last month and has made all in both rounds of this 480m competition so far.

His smart early pace can win the race again.

■SELECTIONS: Ballyhealy Star (T1, 11.18 Monmore); Dapper Addy (T4, 11.52 Monmore); Zenith Pasha (T3, 8.34 Monmore); Woltemade (T5, 8.54 Monmore).

SELECTIONS

■ROMFORD: 11.09 Sunshine Lass (6-4-3) 11.27 Slow Burn (2-3-6) 11.43 Distant Milo (3-2-4) 12.01 Roanna General (4-3-2) 12.18 Distant Diana (5-6-2) 12.34 Toems Bono (5-2-6) 12.51 Ashbury Woody (nap) (5-2-1) 1.08 Old Fort Monaco (4-2-1) 1.26 Four Under Par (3-4-5) 1.42 Public Reaction (2-6-3) 1.59 Headford View (1-2-3) 2.14 Sundance Sasha (nb) (1-4-5)

■NEWCASTLE: 2.28 Girl Of Exile (6-5-2) 2.48 Ballymac Fearne (1-6-3) 3.08 Orchid Simone (2-1-6) 3.28 Onyergostar (3-6-4) 3.48 Dryland Velvet (nap) (4-5-2) 4.08 Winscale Wonder (nb) (3-5-4) 4.28 Four Over (5-6-2) 4.48 Mossend Dan (5-6-1) 5.08 Brickkiln Matty (1-3-4) 5.24 Alnwick Tornado (5-3-6) 5.43 Coppice Survivor (1-2-4) 6.01 Shorten The Tale (1-3-5)

■TOWCESTER: 2.18 Makeit Poppy (nap) (2-6-3) 2.38 Cragbrien Fire (nb) (6-3-1) 2.58 Choices Bronte (2-4-6) 3.18 Eagles Mako (2-3-4) 3.38 Freyas Tiger (2-3-5) 3.58 Romantic Bingo (2-3-6) 4.18 Miss Brillo (3-1-2) 4.38 Lion King (5-1-2) 4.58 Miss Monaco (1-5-6) 5.18 Helen Of Sparta (4-3-5) 5.36 Hitthelids Mateo (2-4-6) 5.55 Flitwick Trigger (4-2-6)

RETURNS

■CENTRAL PARK: 11.09 Broadway Rose 6-1 (2-6-3 BAGS F £36.05 TC £173.01). 11.27 Rossa Annie 8-11f (6-5-2 £3.72). 11.43 Beach Party 7-2 (5-3-1 £20.72 TC £58.61). 12.01 Jumpstart Sarah 10-11f (5-1-3 £4.57 TC £15.59). 12.18 Swift Dallas 8-15f (6-5-1 £4.22 TC £13.98). 12.34 Swift Vibration 13-8f (4-1-3 £9.65 TC £22.46). 12.51 Bombay Boss 9-4jt (3-2-6 £21.50). 1.08 Fawkham Sunrise 11-10f (5-2-1 £7.41). 1.26 Beach Trip 9-2 (5-3-1 £17.31 TC £27.54). 1.42 Bon Ton Roulet 7-4 (4-6-2 £11.36). 1.59 Hollyoak Bailey 6-1 (1-6-3 £14.24). 2.14 Hollyhill Shari 2-1 (1-6-4 £10.22 TC £16.31).

■HOVE: 11.01 Stormy Bluey 15-8 (6-1-4 BAGS F £5.43). 11.18 Tuono Dave 11-4 (6-2-1 £34.66). 11.34 Droopys Fervour 5-4f (5-1-3 £28.24). 11.52 Leslies King 8-15f (5-1-4 £6.90). 12.09 Punk Rock Harley 5-1 (1-3-2 £26.79). 12.26 Montalto Ranger 5-4f (5-3-2 £17.76). 12.42 Ambiguous 11-4 (4-6-2 £10.50). 12.59 Fastlane Reg 3-1 (3-2-1 £13.55). 1.17 Elite Tim 9-4 (1-3-2 £15.82). 1.33 Signet Ell 7-4f (5-3-4 £13.68). 1.51 Coolmeen Moll 11-10f (2-3-1 £3.85). 2.07 John Boy Henry 5-1 (1-2-6 £38.96).

■KINSLEY: 2.29 Queen Nina 13-8f (1-4-5 BAGS F £9.66 TC £20.32). 2.48 Thunder Run 2-1f (4-6-3 £10.71 TC £45.13). 3.07 Crystal Twodots 2-1jt (2-5-6 £7.27). 3.26 Shrewd Amiee 10-3 (6-2-5 £8.13). 3.44 Crystal Turtle 9-4 (2-1-6 £9.91). 4.03 Ardsallagh Lady 11-8f (4-5-3 £12.55). 4.22 Queen Ariana 11-10f (DH 3rd 5-1-2 £9.38, 5-1-3). 4.41 Droopys Willya 9-1 (3-1-6 £47.11 TC £171.85). 4.59 Golan Zara 2-1f (4-2-3 £8.25). 5.18 Yeah Mick 15-8f (2-5-3 £14.33 TC £50.99). 5.37 Jogon Ruby 7-1 (2-5-6 £29.77.

Blue only matter of time for Bill whizz

I WONDER if William Buick's saddle is beginning to feel just a tad on the warm side.

Because Billy 'The Kid' Loughnane continues to absolutely tear it up and is turning up the pressure on Godolphin's No.1.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the champion jockey-in-waiting is Buick's long-term successor for the 'boys in blue'.

Of course, Buick has had countless golden days for Charlie Appleby and Godolphin over the last decade.

But since the peak of a few years ago, when Appleby was champion trainer in back-to-back seasons, there has been a continuing decline in results. He had a tough Royal Ascot yet again, and sent just **TWO** runners up for the entire Ebor Festival.

Godolphin have bought poorly, by their usual high standards, at the sales, and there haven't been many green shoots in terms of their two-year-olds, bar one or two exceptions.

It's not necessarily anyone's fault, and there is always a degree of luck involved when buying unraced yearlings without having a scooby if they can actually put one leg in front of the other on a racecourse.

But there has to be accountability at some point after three straight years of slightly underwhelming results, especially compared to their great rivals Coolmore.

It is unthinkable Appleby would be the fall guy, but would it really be the biggest shock in the world if Godolphin decided to have a freshen up in the riding department?

Buick, 38, has been Godolphin's retained jockey since 2015, an incredibly long stint in a sport as fickle as this, and he has been one of the best jockeys in the country during that time.

There have been one or two questionable rides this year – it would be a stretch to say it impacted the result, but there were plenty of critics following his ride on **Ombudsman** in the Juddmonte on Wednesday, and he should have won on **Talk Of New York** at Goodwood – and the easiest thing to do if results aren't going as expected is to replace the jockey.

And when you consider how well Loughnane is riding at the moment, Buick wouldn't be human if he wasn't looking over his shoulder a little nervously.

Not only is Loughnane odds-on to dethrone Oisin Murphy as top jock, but he has taken his riding to another level this summer.

He has been brilliant, calm beyond his years, on the now retired Bow Echo on three massive occasions this year, and he has continued to bang in winners for Appleby on the side.

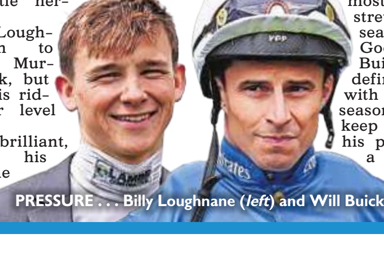
Ever since riding his first Group 1 winner on the legendary Rebel's Romance in Germany 12 months ago, the floodgates have opened.

If ever you wanted an example of just how well he is riding at the moment, take a butchers at **Libertango's** win in the Lowther Stakes at York on Thursday.

She is a very talented filly but she is definitely quirky, and The Kid nursed her through the race and managed to get her head in front right on the jam stick, despite Libertango's head being cocked to one side.

It was a masterful ride, one of many we've seen from the 21-year-old this year.

We are about to enter one of the most important stretches of the season for Godolphin, and Buick could definitely do with ending the season strongly to keep The Kid in his place for just a little while longer yet.


PRESSURE . . . Billy Loughnane (*left*) and Will Buick

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THEIR OPENING PREM GAMES

TODAY	TOMORROW	MONDAY
HULL v Man Utd	Man City v BOURNEMOUTH	FULHAM v CHELSEA
Everton v CRYSTAL PALACE	NEWCASTLE v Liverpool	

TOP-FLIGHT WELCOMES THESE SIX NEW BOSSES

PREM NOVICES . . . Hull boss Jakirovic faces Manchester United in his first game in England's top-flight with Rose, Alonso, Arbeloa, Sage and Jaissle the other new faces

By ROSS HEPPENSTALL

HULL boss Sergej Jakirovic is "buzzing" ahead of his Premier League managerial debut.

The Bosnian will be the first of **SIX** gaffers to take their place in a Prem dugout for the first time this weekend for the lunchtime visit of Manchester United.

Marco Rose, Xabi Alonso, Alvaro Arbeloa, Pierre Sage, and Matthias Jaissle are the other newbie managers in England's top-flight.

Jakirovic, 49, who took Hull up via the play-offs, said: "This is the best league and I'm proud to be part of it.

"I'm buzzing. It will be an even bigger achievement than winning promotion if we stay up. We need another miracle."

Four other Prem bosses – Enzo Maresca, Andoni Iraola, Oliver Glasner and Gary O'Neil – will manage their new club in the top-flight for the first time.

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Focus on Hull

HULL kick off their Prem return against Manchester United today. ROSS HEPPENSTALL tells us what we can expect from the new boys.

WHO HAVE THEY SIGNED

They have shown ambition by making 11 signings, breaking the club's transfer record twice.

Greece keeper Konstantinos Tzolakis and Senegal defender Nobel Mendy both came in for £20m-plus, surpassing the £13m paid for Ryan Mason in 2016.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Tigers were not always pleasing on the eye last term but they were effective.

Despite a sixth-placed finish, their expected goals had them 23rd in the Championship with 53 points, according to Opta.

Boss Sergej Jakirovic, 49, showed an impressive knack of switching tactics depending on whom his side faced or how a game was evolving.

Their biggest strength is their collective spirit and the presence of Oli McBurnie, 30, up front could prove crucial.

TELL US ABOUT THE MANAGER

Hull survived relegation to League One on goal difference in 2024-25 but charismatic Jakirovic arrived last summer and worked wonders.

He came from Kayserispor where he secured the Turkish side's Super Lig safety during his six-month spell in charge.

CHANCES OF SURVIVAL

Bookies' favourites for the drop and Tigers fans were left fuming this week when Joe Cole and Carlton Cole used their podcast to mock the side.

Joe Cole said: "Hull are gone, man. They have spent £70m and I'd be stunned if they stay up. They have come in through the back door."

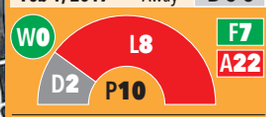
Despite making so many new signings, half are injured and will miss the opener against Manchester United.

TO HULL AND BACK

HULL are winless in all ten Premier League games v Manchester United — the joint most along with Chelsea (also D2 L8). The Red Devils have only faced Charlton (16), QPR (14) and Birmingham (14) more often without losing.

HULL'S PREM RECORD v MAN UTD

Nov 1, 2008	Away	L 4-3
May 24, 2009	Home	L 1-0
Dec 27, 2009	Home	L 3-1
Jan 23, 2010	Away	L 4-0
Dec 26, 2013	Home	L 3-2
May 24, 2014	Away	L 3-1
May 24, 2015	Home	D 0-0
Nov 29, 2014	Away	L 3-0
Aug 27, 2016	Home	L 1-0
Feb 1, 2017	Away	D 0-0



P4 REWIND
Former Tiger Curtis Davies relives Hull's last home Prem game v United.

IT'S FAN

Tears after rejection by boyhood

EXCLUSIVE By JUSTIN ALLEN

MATT CROOKS remembers arriving at Carrington as an eight-year-old kid — and crossing paths with Rio Ferdinand the day he signed for Manchester United.

Six years later, the lifelong fan was in tears after being axed by the Red Devils.

Now, after rebuilding his career from the depths of non-league, the Hull star is ready to face his childhood club as he makes his Premier League debut aged 32.

The Tigers host United today in their first top-flight game for nine years after winning the Championship play-off final against Middlesbrough in May.

And for Crooks, walking out against United completes a wild 18-year journey.

The midfielder said: "I went to Carrington to pick up some boots and kit and it just happened to be the day Rio Ferdinand was signing for United from Leeds.

"He was walking down the steps in a white suit. My dad and grandad – both massive United fans – were there with me and it was a pretty surreal moment.

"That's one of the main memories that sticks with me.

"I joined United when I was at eight and got released at 14. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. There were loads of great people and fantastic opportunities.

"Looking back, you probably don't realise at the time just how lucky you are – the things you get to experience, and the chances you're given."

After the crushing blow of being

PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S FIXTURES
(3pm unless stated)

- Brentford v Tottenham (5.30pm)
- Everton v Crystal Palace
- Hull v Manchester United (12.30pm)
- Ipswich v Sunderland
- Nottingham Forest v Leeds

TOMORROW
(2pm unless stated)

- Brighton v Aston Villa
- Manchester City v Bournemouth
- Newcastle v Liverpool (4.30pm)

MONDAY

- Fulham v Chelsea (8pm)

MIND OVER MATA . . . the last time the two sides met, United defender Harry Maguire was a Hull player battling the likes of Marcos Rojo, Juan Mata and Paul Pogba (inset) in a 0-0 draw at Old Trafford in 2017

UNITED club but Matt bounced back

Hull City v Man Utd

12.30pm, TNT Sports 1 & talkSPORT

released, Crooks rebuilt his life and career. He had loans at non-league Halifax and Radcliffe Borough before an extensive EFL journey with Hartlepool, Scunthorpe, Northampton, Rotherham and Middlesbrough.

He even played for Rangers and Real Salt Lake in MLS before helping Hull seal their top-flight return.

Crooks added: "I remember crying when they told me they were letting me go.

"I went to the Trafford Centre with my dad afterwards for some food. And he said, 'Listen, what do you want? Do you want to work even harder or do you want to call it a day?'.

"My dad embedded that in me. I'm lucky to have good family support."

Crooks accepts being let go was "part and parcel" of academy football.

But he added: "It was the first time I had a fork in the road. I had to decide if I'd carry on playing or just give up.

"That was the time I learned about myself and had the confidence to go again, start afresh and try to prove some people wrong. Rejection definitely shapes you."

Crooks scored an equaliser for Boro at Old Trafford four years ago before the visitors then stunned his boyhood club 8-7 on penalties in an FA Cup fourth-round upset. Crooks said: "To go to Old Trafford and play against them was surreal.

"We knocked them out and to have my family and friends in the crowd was so cool, so special.

"This weekend will be a huge challenge. The quality in their squad is ridiculously high – the speed, the athleticism, every single player is a powerful, big guy.

"You have to look at yourself as a group and realise we've earned the right to be here.

"At a certain point in your career, you wonder if you're ever going to be capable of stepping foot on a Premier League pitch. So to make my debut against Man United, it's going to be a really proud moment."

Hull have splashed the cash in an ambitious transfer window with big-money buys right across the pitch.

And the dressing room is still buzzing after the Wembley play-off win and the energy generated by their new-look squad under manager Sergej Jakirovic.

Crooks said: "Wembley was a complete blur. Oli McBurnie scoring that late winner and the scenes that followed, the celebrations . . . it was brilliant.

"We've brought in some top lads and everyone's chumming together already.

"We've got five or six guys in competitive positions now, so hopefully that drives up the quality and strength in the squad.

"The gaffer deserves massive credit. He's jovial, funny, but when it's time to be serious, he's the gaffer. There's no bulls**t.

"We haven't come up just to survive or be distracted by the naysayers. We want to keep pushing, be successful, and show everyone we belong here."

Carrick will wait 'n Zee

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

BOSS Michael Carrick is not expecting any more players to leave Manchester United before the transfer window shuts.

Barcelona opted against buying Marcus Rashford after his loan earlier this summer — while Joshua Zirkzee is linked with a move to Juventus in Italy.

But Carrick insists that Dutch forward Zirkzee, 25, has not asked to leave ahead of the September 1 deadline.

The United boss insisted: "Not to me, no. But I don't know what's going to come out — I don't know what's going to come at us from elsewhere.

"We can control what we can control. I'm really happy with the squad we've got so far, and if not, we want to improve it."

United expect to seal a £65million deal for Brighton midfielder Carlos Baleba, 22 — although he is not likely to be fit for two-to-three weeks — and have also asked about Newcastle left-back Lewis Hall, 21.

QUESTION OF Sun SPORT

Compiled by Russell Lanning

MISSING LINKS

Can you identify the missing players from the starting XI's in the World Cup third-place play-off 35 days ago?

JULY 18 2026

WORLD CUP THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF (Miami) Att: 64,476

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ENGLAND.....(4) 6
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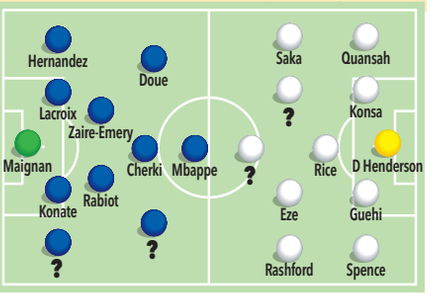

BALLPARK FIGURE

Who is our player from 2019 obstructed by the ball?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA....

40

40 today, but can you name the mystery player?

Clue 1: Of my 246 career league appearances, 56 per cent of them were for the club where I started my senior career.

Clue 2: I left that club in part of a swap deal that saw James Milner go the other way.

Clue 3: My surname is the same as the country I won six caps for - the last of them when I was aged just 21.

PIC 'N MIX

Can you work out our Premier League player by the picture clues?

Sun FUN

WITH Jeff Bezos' consortium buying a 38% stake in Liverpool, here is our special Amazon XI.

ANSWERS: MISSING LINKS: FRANCE - Malo Gusto and Michael Olise. ENGLAND - Morgan Rogers and Ivan Toney. BALLPARK FIGURE: Dele Alli. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA: Stephen Ireland. PIC 'N MIX: Ruben Dias

REWIND

AUG 27 2016

By CURTIS DAVIES

10 YEARS AGO

PREMIER LEAGUE

HULL	(0) 0
MAN UTD	(0) 1

Rashford 90

(MKM Stadium)
Att: 24,560

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RASH AND GRAB

Marcus shatters Tigers' record

LATE STRIKE . . . Rashford prods winner

TAKE ZLAT. . . Davies holds off Ibrahimovic

CHEVROLET

FORMER defender CURTIS DAVIES, 41, turns the clock back almost TEN years to the last time Hull hosted Manchester United in the Prem. Teen sub Marcus Rashford ruined the Tigers' day. Davies made 141 appearances for Hull from 2013 to 2017.

AFTER the joy of getting promoted to the Premier League for 2016-17, our Hull side went into the season with an injury crisis.

It was so bad that on a pre-season tour to Austria we had a pic taken with just nine of us by mountain and I posted it on social media joking: "Hull City squad photo 2016-17!"

The crisis had a direct effect on me — as both my defensive partners Harry Maguire and Michael Dawson were out.

Although Harry was back on the bench for this game and played the last seven minutes.

For all that, we started the season by beating reigning Prem champions Leicester 2-1, then a 2-0 victory at Swansea before facing United at home.

In the pouring rain I thought we contained them really well — but with the game heading towards a 0-0, we fell victim to the commentator's curse.

A couple of minutes after I was named man of the match, Wayne Rooney sent a tricky low ball into the box and sub Marcus Rashford — who had come on for Juan Mata — stabbed in the winner.

Not that the goal going in had anything to do with me!

It's incredible to think that almost ten years to the day, Marcus could be back and creating the same sort of damage today.

His story over the last decade has been pretty incredible. I remember him first getting his chance in the February of 2016 — mainly because of an injury to Anthony Martial — and the fact home-grown strikers Ashley Fletcher and Will Keane had been loaned out.

When he was drafted in he took his chance with both hands, netting twice in the Europa League against Midtjylland and then hit an even more impressive double in a 3-2 Prem win over Arsenal days later.

After that he has never looked back.

The frustration for us in that campaign was Steve Bruce left as manager in the summer leading up to the season and Mike Phelan came in as an interim boss.

With no disrespect to Mike, being interim was not ideal because he didn't have overall control to start signing players — and the squad really needed strengthening.

The players who arrived were all quality but most of them lacked Premier League experience, which is pivotal if you are going to survive in the top flight.

Despite that return to the Premier League ten years ago, I maintain this Hull side going back to the top table of English football is a much greater achievement than ours was — by some distance.

This is a Tigers side who stayed up on the last day of the previous Championship campaign in 2024-25 almost slipping into League One, a Tigers side who had an embargo on signing players.

A decade ago we were promoted with what I would call several Premier League-quality stars like Maguire, Dawson, Andy Robertson and Robert Snodgrass.

This Hull story is on a whole different level and finishing 17th or above would represent a phenomenal story.

What I can say is, having been part of the club for four years, this Hull side can expect quite a welcome when they walk out today — the most outstanding fanbase in what is set to be quite a season for everyone involved.

Interview: RUSSELL LANNING

HOW PREM LOOKED ON AUG 28, 2016

Pos	Team	Pld	GD	Pts
1	Man City (3)	3	+6	9
2	Chelsea (1)	3	+5	9
3	MAN UTD (6)	3	+5	9
4	Everton (7)	3	+2	7
5	HULL (18)	3	+2	6
6	Middlesbro (19)	3	+1	5
7	Tottenham (2)	3	+1	5
8	Arsenal (5)	3	+1	4
9	Leicester (12)	3	0	4
10	West Brom (10)	3	0	4
11	Liverpool (4)	3	-1	4
12	West Ham (11)	3	-2	3
13	Burnley (16)	3	-2	3
14	Swansea (15)	3	-2	3
15	Southampton (8)	3	-2	2
16	Sunderland (20)	3	-2	1
17	C Palace (14)	3	-2	1
18	Watford (17)	3	-3	1
19	Bournemouth (9)	3	-3	1
20	Stoke (13)	3	-4	1

(Final positions in brackets)

PREM RESULTS

SATURDAY, AUG 27, 2016

CHELSEA (2) 3 — **BURNLEY (0) 0**
Hazard 9, Willian 41
Moses 89
(Stamford Bridge, 41,607)

C PALACE (0) 1 — **BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1**
Dann 90
King 11
(Selhurst Park, 23,503)

EVERTON (0) 1 — **STOKE (0) 0**
Given (og) 51
(Goodison Park, 39,581)

HULL (0) 0 — **MAN UTD (0) 1**
Rashford 90
(MKM Stadium, 24,560)

LEICESTER (1) 2 — **SWANSEA (0) 1**
Vardy 32
Morgan 52
Fer 81
(King Power, 31,727)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 — **SUNDERLAND (0) 1**
Rodriguez 85
Defoe 80 (pen)
(St Mary's, 30,152)

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 — **LIVERPOOL (1) 1**
Rose 72
Milner 45 (pen)
(White Hart Lane, 31,211)

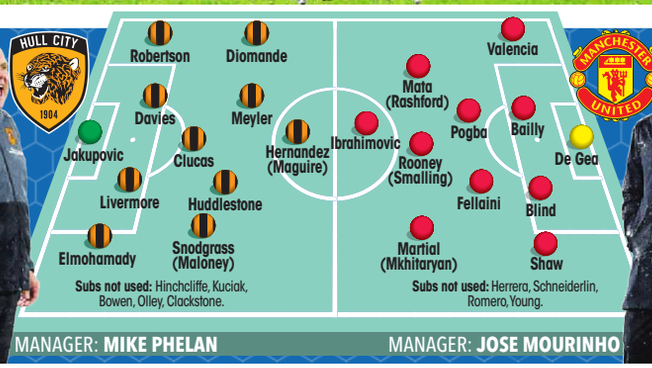
WATFORD (0) 1 — **ARSENAL (3) 3**
Pereyra 57
Cazorla 9 (pen)
Sanchez 40, Ozil 45
(Vicarage Road, 20,545)

SUNDAY, AUG 28, 2016

MAN CITY (2) 3 — **WEST HAM (0) 1**
Sterling 7, 90
Fernandinho 18
Antonio 58
(Etihad, 54,008)

WEST BROM (0) 0 — **MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0**
(The Hawthorns, 23,690)

HOW THEY LINED UP



Subs not used: Hinchcliffe, Kuciak, Bowen, Olley, Clackstone.

Subs not used: Herrera, Schneiderlin, Romero, Young.

MANAGER: **MIKE PHELAN**

MANAGER: **JOSE MOURINHO**

Hazard Sterling Vardy

O'REVOIR

Gary glad to end French lesson

By JON WEST

GARY O'NEIL talks a good game — and is delighted he no longer has to do so in French!

The former Bournemouth and Wolves boss jumped ship from Strasbourg in June to succeed Kieran McKenna at newly promoted Ipswich.

And the Tractor Boys' first game back in the Premier League today comes against Sunderland, who have made great strides under Frenchman Regis Le Bris.

Le Bris made his own switch from French football two years ago, taking the Black Cats into the Premier League in his first season and into the Europa League in his second.

And O'Neil hopes his time at Strasbourg will help Town's most cosmopolitan squad, with ten new faces so far, make a similar jump.

He said: "I really enjoyed the exposure to European football and the experience of facing Paris Saint-Germain and Marseille.

"I loved every moment – even the French lessons, which were tough.

"I hadn't even learned it at school – I did Spanish and German – I was the only one of our staff that hadn't.

"I wasn't great – I was worse than not great.

"On a scale of a hundred I was probably around six but I was trying. We had a lesson a week and luckily the club was keener on winning than the standard of my French."

O'Neil will welcome Le Bris to Portman Road in English – but knows he will have to speak some sooner or later.

Because 43-year-old O'Neil raided his previous club to sign playmaker Julio Enciso and right-back Abdoul Ouattara – a French-speaker with zero English.

O'Neil said: "It's funny how that has flipped.

"I was trying to learn how to talk to him last year and now he has got to learn how to talk to me.

"We will probably meet somewhere in the middle."

He also crossed the Channel to recruit Toulouse striker Emersonn – Town's first Brazilian, 22, is a club-record signing at £24million.

O'Neil backed the rookie to make an instant impact, saying: "He is new but does some unbelievable things. Physically he is going to be top – he is an athlete, he can hold the ball up and has an eye for goal.

"There are other sides to him we will have to develop and the price tag was sizeable but the standard he was already at and the growth he is going to have make him a fantastic addition."

Ipswich know they need to bring in a proven goalscorer before the transfer window shuts, however.

Arsenal spare part Gabriel Jesus has been linked but his immense wages make a deal all but impossible.

More likely but by no means imminent is a Portman Road return for Liam Delap.

Chelsea triggered a £30m release clause when the Suffolk side were relegated two seasons ago and he is now out of favour under new Stamford Bridge supremo Xabi Alonso.

O'Neil said: "Liam Delap is at Chelsea and they will be in charge of what Liam Delap does. But we are working to attract top talent that maybe the club wouldn't have been able to in the past.

"I have presented to a lot of players this summer, trying to convince them that this is the right project for them, because the market of player we are in is global."

COOKING WITH GAZ . . . Town boss Gary O'Neil hopes to bring some continental style to Ipswich

SAMBA STAR . . . Ipswich's new £24m club-record signing Emersonn

Focus on Ipswich

IPSWICH bounced back up to the Prem and will face Sunderland today. JON WEST gives the lowdown on the Tractor Boys.

WHO HAVE THEY SIGNED

Almost a whole new team with four World Cup stars arriving in Issa Diop, Sasa Lukic, Daizen Maeda and Abdul Fatawu.

Giant Dutch keeper Kjell Scherpen will bid for starts alongside forward Julio Enciso, defender Abdoul Ouattara and midfielder Florentino Luis.

Striker Emersonn cost £24m from Toulouse while forward Chuba Akpom and centre-back Cedric Kipre turned their loan moves into permanent switches.

Another Dutch keeper Kayne van Oevelen will be back-up and more signings are certainly expected.

WHAT TO EXPECT

New boss Gary O'Neil will try to make Town harder to beat than the side which went down in 2025.

The signing of 6ft 9in Scherpen should help, especially from set-pieces, as will the Prem nous of Diop *(below)* in defence and Lukic in midfield.

ABOUT THE MANAGER

O'Neil is more experienced at Prem level than his predecessor Kieran McKenna, having kept up Bournemouth in 2023 and Wolves the year after.

At Cherries he focused on not letting defeats — inevitable for a promoted team — affect morale.

Under McKenna, a drop in self-belief was quickly evident as Town struggled to turn effort into points.

O'Neil's brief time at Strasbourg also gives him an extra dimension.

CHANCES OF SURVIVAL

Probably better than last time round but it is difficult to see Ipswich scoring enough to put significant distance between themselves and the drop zone.

Japan star Maeda hit 50 goals in his last two Celtic seasons — but for all his international experience he will not fill his boots like that in the Prem.

And playmaker Enciso will have to make significantly more impact than he did while on loan from Brighton in 2025.

So much rests on the inexperienced head of Emersonn, 22, to get the goals and the Brazilian is an unknown at this level.

He got six Ligue 1 goals last term and if a more proven striker does not arrive, it may prove costly.

Regis not ready to tumble

LE BRIS . . . Euro challenge

BOSS Regis Le Bris insists Sunderland can handle a second Premier League season and first European adventure for more than 50 years.

By COLIN YOUNG

Frenchman Le Bris reckons the team who finished seventh after being relegation favourites a year ago should be celebrating playing in the Europa League.

Bob Stokoe's side were knocked out in round two by Sporting Lisbon in the Cup Winners' Cup back in November 1973.

But this time Le Bris is guaranteed at least eight first-phase games and will be playing them until late January.

He said: "It's new and it's exciting because it's something a bit unknown.

"It's going to be one of the biggest challenges for Sunderland in more than 50 years. It's something totally new to experience – but I think the fans and people around the club expect something really exciting, which is really positive.

"We can see the negatives. It's about odds, predictions, fatigue, injuries.

"But on the other side, we're in a really good place. The momentum is strong, so we manage the balance.

"I was really pleased with the last two, three months of last season because it might have been the end of the story, when we'd reached 40 points.

"It wasn't the case at all for the players, the club, the coaching staff and staff in general. We pushed until the end with the idea to see what this group can achieve.

"It's really helpful how we start the season now. It doesn't mean that it will be enough, but we are in a better place if we compare with last season."

Back in 2001, Ipswich – Sunderland's opponents at Portman Road today – finished fifth after winning promotion and qualified for the Uefa Cup but were then relegated the next season.

French defender Dayann Methalie is Sunderland's second summer signing after securing a £25million move from Toulouse.

The France Under-21 left-back, 20, finally completed his medical on Wearside yesterday, after his move was initially 'under serious threat' over his fitness, and he has travelled to Ipswich.

Methalie said: "I'm excited to be here and can't wait to pull on the shirt.

"This is a brilliant time to join the club, I followed Sunderland last season and it was incredible to see them finish seventh."

HAPPY DAIZ . . . Maeda's in from Celtic

GOOD POINT . . . Gibbs-White with Forest boss Glasner

Mor to give for England

OLIVER GLASNER is "convinced" Morgan Gibbs-White will be part of England's set-up when the Euros come home in two years' time.

The Nottingham Forest skipper, 26, was left out of Thomas Tuchel's squad for this summer's World Cup – despite scoring 15 Premier League and three Europa League goals from midfield last season.

Now new Forest boss Glasner says he wants to make improvements to Gibbs-White's game and the former Crystal Palace manager believes he can be even better as part of his system.

Glasner admits neither of them are dwelling on his summer disappointment.

By GRAHAM HILL

The Austrian said: "We never talked about it, because it's in the past and it's gone.

"I think his goal when we talk about England must be the home Euros in two years.

"So that means he has two years to do better – and he wants to do better. I hope so.

"Then he will play for England at the Euros, I'm really convinced.

"For a midfielder to score 15 league goals in a season is amazing.

"I like this ambition because this is exactly what I have been talking about – not getting complacent and thinking you had a great season, but wanting more." At first, Gibbs-White said he had "got on the wrong side of someone's opinion" when the Three Lions squad was announced.

But he later explained there was a "good, honest conversation" with Tuchel, who told him there were players ahead of him.

Glasner makes his competitive debut as Forest boss today against Leeds and says he knows how he can help Gibbs-White achieve his targets.

The Tricky Trees gaffer confirmed the midfielder will keep the armband, with Ryan Yates as club captain.

Nottingham Forest v Leeds United

3pm

DCL is Far from done

DANIEL FARKE has backed Dominic Calvert-Lewin to force his way back into the England picture.

A 14-goal Premier League haul last season was not enough to book the Leeds striker, 29, a place in Thomas Tuchel's World Cup squad.

Calvert-Lewin, though, has put that disappointment behind him and will face Nottingham Forest today hungry to continue the scoring feats that helped Farke's side avoid relegation and reach the FA Cup semi-final on their top-flight return.

Whites boss Farke said: "I was a bit concerned because, of course, there's a bit of disappointment from missing the World Cup. Then he missed the first few weeks of pre-season due to a knee problem.

By ALAM KHAN

"It wasn't an ideal start, but since he's been back in training, his pre-season performances were excellent and the last weeks he was outstanding.

"We always have no guarantees this translates into the new season but the early signs are good.

"He'll be a key figure for us and we need him in the best possible shape."

Injuries have plagued Calvert-Lewin's career since his England debut in 2016 – and he has managed only 11 caps in the decade since.

But he became the first Leeds player to score in six straight Prem games in his first campaign at the club – following a free transfer from Everton in August 2025.

And Farke says DCL can keep firing as he grows older by combining experience with excellence – just like England talisman Harry Kane.

The German coach added: "Kane was the same, he started to score more goals from 24-25.

"Before, not that much. It is often the case for a striker. Hopefully Dominic comes into his prime and he can deliver further on.

"And if he delivers, then it becomes a topic again for the national team."

Keegan was a special man...he meant so much to me

HIS DEATH SHOWS YOU MUST GRASP EVERY DAY

By ROB STEWART

ANDREW COLE has had enough ups and downs to last a lifetime.

The Manchester United legend enjoyed unbelievable highs with the club's 1999 Treble heroes.

But after retiring, Cole suffered frightening lows with his life in the balance due to a form of kidney failure.

By his own admission, he still counts his blessings after making a fantastic recovery following his brush with death.

However, upon hearing of the shock passing of his beloved former Newcastle boss Kevin Keegan, he admits it "knocked him for six".

He knew Keegan loved life on and off the field and Cole wants everyone to be like the football icon.

In the wake of Keegan's death last month at the age of 75 after a battle with stomach cancer, Cole opened his heart to SunSport in an emotional interview.

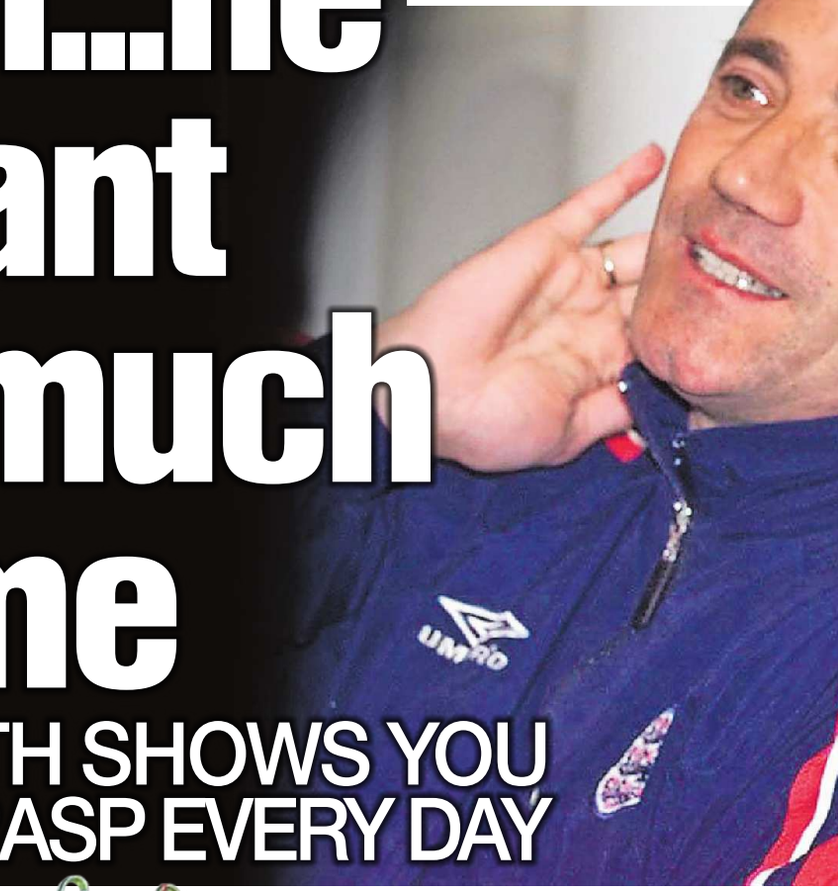
And the ex-England striker spelled out why he is determined to seize the day and live life to the full – just like Keegan.

Cole said: "Kevin Keegan's passing left me utterly shocked. I just couldn't believe it, it really shook me because he was a very special man who played such an important role in my career.

"It knocked me for six. It was totally out of the blue. I was totally gobsmacked because he meant so much to me. It took a while to process it but, like I say to everybody now, we just don't know what can happen. Life comes at you so fast.

"That's why we've got to enjoy life as much as we can – and I know that from personal experience."

Cole fell ill in 2015 after contracting a virus while touring Vietnam as a Manchester United ambassador. Both



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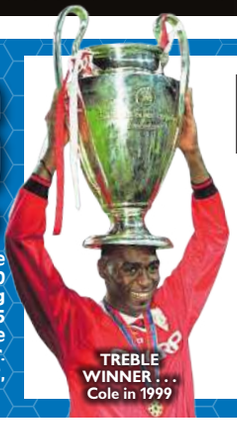
Goals

PAPER APP ONLINE

65 ANDREW COLE was the quickest player to 50 Prem goals – recording the feat in just 65 games in 1995, one fewer than Alan Shearer. He is now second on the list, behind Erling Haaland (48 games).



TREBLE WINNER . . . Cole in 1999

Keep calm & C

MANCHESTER UNITED legend Andrew Cole says he is "too old" to make bold statements about his former club's prospects for the new season.

But he admits he is excited to see what the new campaign has got in store under boss Michael Carrick.

Cole, 54, said: "I'm really looking forward to the new season and everyone at the club

EXCLUSIVE by ROB STEWART

should be excited about it. I think what Michael Carrick achieved after taking over last season was brilliant and long may it continue.

"They played really good attacking football and got into the habit of winning games again, just like it should be at Old Trafford.

"To guide the club not only back into Europe but into the Champions

ANDREW COLE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

body and face swelled up and he ed severe fatigue as a result of Segmental Glomerulosclerosis.

shrugged it off until his condition ned and, after visiting his GP, ered he was on the brink of dying, kidney function down to seven per f usual capacity.

had a transplant after his nephew d forward as a donor in 2017 – and tlook on life changed for ever.

said: "When I fell ill totally out of ue, it could have cost me my life. way I look at things is that we o go out there and enjoy each day comes because we just don't know tomorrow will bring.

when people ask me how I'm on, I say all I do now is live life njoy it because I know tomorrow's given for anybody.

as fortunate and the majority of the ll fraternity wished me well, which a lot. But losing Kevin put into ective the importance of grasping every day like he did. That's his legacy." It is easy to understand why Keegan's death hit Cole so hard because their lives were so entwined.

Cole set St James' Park alight after Keegan signed him for a club-record £1.75million from Bristol City in 1993.

He scored an incredible 68 goals in 84 Toon games before a £7m move to Old Trafford where he won five Prem titles.

His exit triggered one of the most astonishing scenes in Keegan's Tyneside reign as he addressed angry fans outside St James' Park.

Cole said: "That was Kevin being Kevin to be brutally honest – and I say that with a smile on my face.

"Kevin always commanded Newcastle fans' support and there's not many individuals able to say that.

"Outsiders have said this and said that about our relationship but the vast majority of them talk nonsense.

"I totally enjoyed my time at St James' Park and Kevin's decision was based on his judgement that Prem teams were finding us out.

"It was that, 'If they stopped me from scoring goals, the chances of Newcastle scoring goals became slimmer'.

"They got good money,and, as they say, the rest is history and Kevin addressed it head-on with fans.

But I moved with positive words ringing in my ears because he told me I'd win lots of trophies in Manchester which was spot-on. That was typical Kevin, upbeat, and there were no hard feelings so, when we worked together as TV pundits, we got on well – which was just a mark of a wonderful man."

Cole will show his respects at the memorial service being planned by Newcastle chiefs and is certain a permanent memorial or two awaits his old boss.

The former striker added: "He created something very special at Newcastle and we were nicknamed the 'Entertainers' because of an attacking style.

"A fitting way to mark his memory for what he's done for Newcastle United, he deserves a statue **AND** a stand named after him.

"He certainly put Newcastle United on the global map – people everywhere fell in love with Newcastle because of Kevin."

As for his own health issues, Cole says that he "can't complain and won't complain".

He added: "For what I've been through I just get my head down, enjoy life and whatever's in front of me, I try to get on with it.

"I'll never be 100 per cent, which I appreciate, but what I do know is I work with it to the best of my ability.

"Some days are frustrating, some are really good but the key thing is that I'm still here.

"I'm still having a go at it at a time when there's people like Kevin who are no longer with us, so I look at what I have as a blessing."

ALL SMILES . . . Keegan and Cole celebrate Newcastle's Division One success in 1993 (and above) on England duty

INITIALLY SPEAKING

OUTFIELDERS WHO PLAYED MOST MINUTES IN PREM LAST SEASON

CAN you work out the outfield players who played most minutes last season in the Premier League ...with just their initials as clues. Identify all 15 and then try and solve our main question and send it to us for a chance to be a winner!

Q Of the 15 players listed below, who is the youngest?

Let us know the name of that player by Thursday. Send your entry to sportsquiz-sm@the-sun.co.uk for a chance to win £50. (Winner's bank details will be required).

PLAYER	PREM MINS 2025-26
V V D	3,420
J G	3,414
J B	3,405
A T	3,380
N M	3,375
E A	3,334
J T	3,330
M S	3,290
M R	3,285
I T	3,284
M K	3,264
T M	3,253
D S	3,233
L S	3,231
J P V H	3,211

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Debbie Bebbington, Chester.
LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: Nigel Clough.
LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: Neil Warnock, Tony Mowbray, Mick McCarthy, Ian Holloway, Gary Rowett, Mark Robins, Nigel Pearson, Alex Neil, Dave Jones, Nigel Clough, Billy Davies, Steve Cotterill, Nigel Adkins, Simon Grayson, Steve Bruce.

Moyes is 'Kinn fuming at chief

DAVID MOYES bit back at claims that Everton "failed" under him last season.

By KEN LAWRENCE

Moyes' side took only three points from the last seven games to slump from eighth place to 13th, missing out on a European spot.

And Everton CEO Angus Kinnear said of the owners: "They viewed it as a failure because it was a failure.

"They want to win and we didn't win anything. We didn't achieve what we wanted to achieve."

Yet Moyes goes into today's opener with Crystal Palace stunned by those comments.

The Scot said: "I'm surprised they were disappointed because there was never a time anybody said I had to make Europe.

"I thought everybody just wanted to make sure we moved into our new stadium without a difficult season – and we did that.

"I was hugely disappointed I didn't make it."

This summer, the Toffees have spent only £58million while also swapping Dwight McNeil for Brennan Johnson with Palace.

On getting Everton into the Europe this season, Moyes added: "We need to buy more if we want to be one of those teams.

"We're limited in funds in some areas so we'll have to see."

Everton v Crystal Palace
3pm

Carri on, says Utd icon

League is a massive positive on so many different levels.

"If Michael can carry on the form of last season, continue to grow and obviously Manchester United keep adding quality players as well, we can look forward to having a good season."

Carrick got the top job after an impressive spell as caretaker boss and Cole added: "I've got a lot of time for Michael. I've spent time in his company and I do like his persona. He's been a good fit.

"The way Michael manages is exactly the way he used to play — he was such an elegant midfielder.

"It helps that he knows the club inside out because of his playing days at Old Trafford."

But Cole will NOT get carried away and state the Red Devils can win a first Prem title since 2013.

He warned: "'Andy Cole said Manchester United should be winning the Premier League'. No, no, no.

"United will finish where they're meant to finish. I think I'm old enough now, long enough in the tooth to know that if I say one thing, it can turn around and get misconstrued.

"I'll make sure that doesn't happen."

GREAT JOB . . . boss Carrick

Pierre pointers Gunner help

CRYSTAL PALACE boss Pierre Sage has been getting tips from former Arsenal stars on how to navigate the Premier League.

By JOSHUA HALL

Sage, 47, will take charge of his first ever Prem game today when the Eagles travel to Everton.

The Frenchman, who replaced Oliver Glasner this summer, will face English opposition for the very first time in his career — having only stepped into management three years ago.

Former Lyon and Lens boss Sage has spoken to former Gunners duo Alexandre Lacazette and Ainsley Maitland-Niles — whom he managed at Lyon — for tips and advice on the Prem.

Sage said: "I understand that football is different here.

"I have had players who have played here and then come to Lyon.

"I have had a lot of interactions with them; like Lacazette, Moussa Niakhate, Orel Mangala and Maitland-Niles.

"They all told me the same thing about what is different here.

"The intensity is higher, the physicality is very important."

Arne, we'll be back..

NUNO EYES PREM RETURN

NUNO ESPIRITO SANTO is backing £22million Championship record signing Arne Engels to help fire West Ham back to the Premier League.

By JUSTIN ALLEN

The Belgian playmaker's move from Celtic represents a massive statement of intent from the east Londoners.

And Nuno *(right)* is convinced Engels, 22, possesses top-flight quality.

The Irons boss, 52, said: "He's a fantastic player. We're happy that we were able to get Arne with us.

"He's a very talented player who will give us a lot of options in the midfield area.

"This player gives us more versatility – because he can play in, can play out. So, in terms of midfield, he's really helpful.

"He's someone we truly believe is going to step in and help us – good midfielder all around with technique, ability and hard work."

Nuno insists all new arrivals must be capable of playing at the top level when promotion is achieved.

And the Portuguese boss views Engels as a long-term cornerstone for the club's Premier League future.

Nuno added: "All the players that have joined, the vision is much further ahead.

"So, if our ambition is to go back to the Premier League, it has to be with players that we believe can be there also."

And ahead of facing Charlton today, he is equally thrilled to land proven Championship hitman Joel Piroe on loan for the season with an obligation to buy if promoted. The striker bagged 19 goals during Leeds' promotion-winning campaign alongside Manor Solomon and brings vital firepower to the frontline.

And Nuno believes 27-year-old Piroe's prolific track record at Championship level gives the Hammers an instant edge as they target promotion.

He said: "Joel's a very good player who has experience in the league, proven experience, and he scores goals.

"Him and Manor came from the previous season at Leeds, so there's always that starting point already made.

"He gives us different characteristics up front that we need, especially with Pablo getting injured at Burnley last weekend."

The powerful Brazilian Pablo came off last weekend at half-time with a calf issue.

Meanwhile, Nuno confirmed that discussions are ongoing to resolve the futures of four high-profile squad members before the deadline.

Aaron Wan-Bissaka has joined Aston Villa on loan – while Jean-Clair Todibo, Edson Alvarez, Maxwel Cornet and Soungoutou Magassa are all facing uncertain futures.

Nuno insists the club, players, and agents are aligned in seeking solutions while ensuring the squad remains balanced. The London Stadium chief said: "All those situations have been addressed. All the players know.

"We respect them, you understand that.

"Now it's up to us, the club, the players and the agents to try and find the best solution for their futures."

Nuno stressed that West Ham are working around the clock to ensure there are no late shock departures before the transfer window shuts on September 1.

He added: "We don't want to get any surprises in the last days.

"While the transfer window is open, you have to work very hard and the club is doing that.

"It's not only the ins. As you know, we have situations that we have to solve, so we have to be ready for all scenarios.

"That requires a lot of hard work, predicting if something happens so that it doesn't catch us by surprise.

"We must have a plan A, B and C."

West Ham will boast English football's biggest crowd today as a bumper 62,500 sell-out packs the London Stadium against the Addicks.

Nuno said: "We cannot thank our fans enough.

"It's amazing to beat another Championship record with 62,500 fans. It's huge. It's up to us to give it back.

"The fans are always there. It's up to us with their help to get West Ham back to the Premier League.

"It is a common feeling among us."

Mad to cure summer blues

THERE are not many footballers who had a worse summer than West Ham keeper Mads Hermansen.

By ROB MAUL

Relegated from the Premier League on the final day of the season, he then had to watch the World Cup finals from afar after his Denmark side lost a play-off to the Czech Republic back in March.

Hermansen *(left)* said: "I didn't watch a lot of the World Cup to be fair. Obviously it was painful to lose the play-off. I've got to say last year was not the perfect year for me personally in football.

"But now I look forward. I had some good time away and I'm ready."

Hermansen, 26, is no stranger to the Championship, having been an integral part of the Leicester squad that got promoted back to the Prem as champions in 2023-24, appearing in 44 of the 46 league matches.

And the Dane has warned some of his less experienced team-mates at the London Stadium that West Ham will be a major scalp for rivals. Hermansen was in goal as West Ham beat Portsmouth 3-1 in the Carabao Cup first round and during last Sunday's 2-2 draw at Burnley.

Ahead of tomorrow's first home league game against Charlton, he said: "I've been one of the few guys who have been going forward and saying, 'Listen, I know it's not the Premier League but it's not easy at all'.

"It's going to take 100 per cent focus, all 46 games, to be there in the end where we can hopefully say that we're a Premier League team again.

"Of course last season was tough for all of us. To get relegated is never funny for anyone.

"We've all had a summer break to reflect, to look at ourselves in the mirror and see where we can improve individually, what we can do as a team and as a club to improve.

"Coming into this pre-season we've been really positive. The mood and spirit has been very good at the club. I think we've turned it around from last year. Everybody is looking ahead and we're ready for the season.

"There's always a lot of stuff to improve – but we're going in the right direction. The Premier League is extremely physical. But, of course, the Championship level is a bit lower.

"It's going to be huge for all teams to come to the London Stadium and when we go to them they're going to give everything, of course, to win."

West Ham manager Nuno Espirito Santo and club captain Jarrod Bowen could have left after a dreadful end to last campaign – but both stayed on to steady the ship.

Hermansen said: "Consistency is always good. To build something, to improve, it often takes time. Sometimes it's not easy to improve.

"We were all happy Jarrod is staying. He's our captain, our leader, on and off the pitch. It's very big for us and we're very happy that he stayed."

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CHAMPIONSHIP

TODAY'S FIXTURES

(3pm unless stated)

- Birmingham v Bristol City (12.30pm)
- Blackburn v Middlesbrough
- Derby v Cardiff
- Lincoln v Portsmouth (12.30pm)
- Millwall v Norwich (12.30pm)
- Preston v Wolves
- QPR v Bolton
- Southampton v Stoke
- Swansea v Sheffield United
- West Ham v Charlton
- Wrexham v Watford

TOMORROW

- West Brom v Burnley (12pm)

POMP UP THE JAM

LINCOLN'S James Collins has scored more home goals v Pompey than against any other opponent in his career.

COLLINS AT HOME TO PORTSMOUTH

Jan 1, 2013	Swindon	5-0	Portsmouth	4 goals
Oct 25, 2014	Shrewsbury	2-1	Portsmouth	–
Mar 7, 2017	Crawley	0-2	Portsmouth	–
Nov 4, 2017	Luton	1-0	Portsmouth*	1 goal
Jan 29, 2019	Luton	3-2	Portsmouth	2 goals
Apr 29, 2023	Derby	1-1	Portsmouth	1 goal
Sep 16, 2023	Derby	1-1	Portsmouth	1 goal
Dec 13, 2024	Derby	4-0	Portsmouth	–

P8 W5 D2 L1 GOALS 9

(all league except * - FA Cup)

SAINT THAT A SHAME

SOUTHAMPTON have won their first home game in just ONE of their last 14 league campaigns.

SOUTHAMPTON'S OPENING HOME LEAGUE GAME OF SEASON

2012-13	Prem	Wigan	L2-0
2013-14	Prem	Sunderland	D1-1
2014-15	Prem	West Brom	D0-0
2015-16	Prem	Everton	L3-0
2016-17	Prem	Watford	D1-1
2017-18	Prem	Swansea	D0-0
2018-19	Prem	Burnley	D0-0
2019-20	Prem	Liverpool	L2-1
2020-21	Prem	Tottenham	L5-2
2021-22	Prem	Man Utd	D1-1
2022-23	Prem	Leeds	D2-2
2023-24	Ch	Norwich	D4-4
2024-25	Prem	Nottm Forest	L1-0
2025-26	Ch	Wrexham	W2-1

P14 W1 D8 L5

88

WOLVES' Toti Gomes made 88 accurate passes in their draw v Blackburn — more than any player in the division, (a 96% success rate).

RIGHT ENGELS

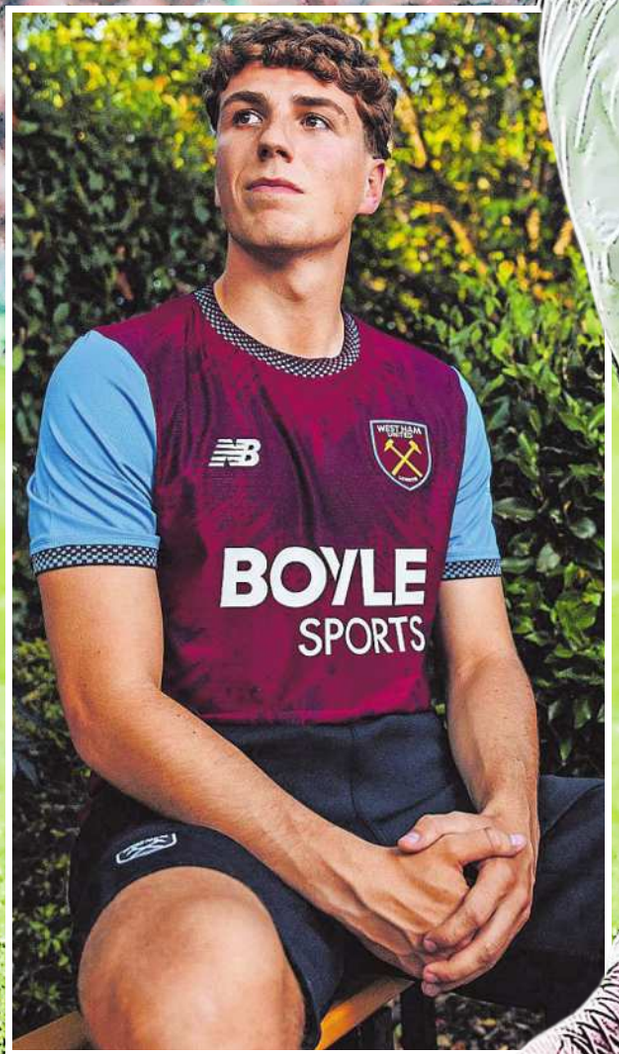
ARNE'S CAREER

		GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS
2020-23	Club NXT	35	3	7
2023-24	Augsburg	53	3	9
2024-26	Celtic	100	17	22
2026-	West Ham	T/C	T/C	T/C
2024-	Belgium	4	0	0

MOST EXPENSIVE CHAMPIONSHIP SIGNINGS

2026	Arne Engels	Celtic >>> West Ham	£22m
2025	Sindre Walle Egeli	Nordsjaelland >>> Ipswich	£17.5m
2024	Mike Tresor	Genk >>> Burnley	£15.4m
2017	Ruben Neves	Porto >>> Wolves	£15.3m
2018	Britt Assombalonga	Nottingham Forest >>> Middlesbrough	£14.7m
2018	Joao Carvalho	Benfica >>> Nottingham Forest	£12.9m

BHOYWONDER . . . Engels (left) has joined from Celtic and is being tipped to help take the Hammers back up to the Premier League



CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Millwall	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Swansea	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
West Brom	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bolton	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Charlton	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Middlesbro	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Watford	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Blackburn	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
West Ham	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Burnley	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Wolves	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Wrexham	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Cardiff	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Birmingham	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sheff Utd	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Derby	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Lincoln City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Preston	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Norwich	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Stoke	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Portsmouth	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Bristol City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Southampton	1	0	0	1	1	2	-4

(Southampton deducted 4 points)

TARGET . . . Viktor Johansson wants to end Stoke's eight-year exile from the Prem

Viktor: I'll be toast of the Potters

VIKTOR JOHANSSON is hoping the beers will be on him come May as he sets his sights on a dream Premier League promotion.

EXCLUSIVE
By JUSTIN ALLEN

The Stoke keeper famously bought **600 PINTS** for Rotherham supporters at a a nearby pub two years ago to thank them for standing by him through tough times before his move to the Potteries.

And if the 27-year-old Sweden international gets his way, Potters fans could be getting an even bigger drink if he helps them conquer the Championship.

He said: "It was a famous story. I came in as a young goalkeeper and I had no expectations. I made loads of mistakes early on – but they were always behind me.

"They never had a bad word to say about me.

"They were always so supportive and here I am today. I can't speak highly enough of them.

"Even when we were struggling, they made me their favourite and I won Player of the Year.

"I was so popular there. My motto is to treat people the way you want to be treated.

"If I can make people smile and put a smile on their faces, then I'm happy to help.

"It's about being selfless – doing autographs, signing shirts. It doesn't cost anything, does it?

"My granddad always taught me that, and my wife joins in, too.

"It's just about making people happy."

That humility instantly endeared him to Stoke fans, who are desperate to see their club return to the Prem for the first time since 2018.

Johansson insists there is genuine belief in the dressing room that they can launch a promotion charge despite last weekend's opening-day 2-1 loss against Swansea.

Ahead of today's trip to Southampton, Johansson said: "I think we proved over a three or four-month spell last season that it could be us. There's massive belief here. We just need to keep going.

"It's a tough league but we know what we are capable of achieving if we stay consistent."

While many modern players complain about the relentless grind of a 46-game league campaign, the Swede says: "I love it! It's what I want to do as a footballer – play games.

"And when they come quick and fast, it's even more enjoyable.

"People say there are too many games but I just love being out there.

"Coming from Sweden, it's been a big change but it suits me down to the ground. I enjoy the battle."

And Johansson says goalkeepers need a mental resilience outfield players do not require.

He explained: "Goalkeepers are a different breed. We are in a separate category altogether – we're our own union.

"Out on the pitch, if an outfield player makes a mistake, there's usually someone behind them to cover. But when you're in goal, you're on your own.

"You've got to be thick-skinned. You've got to be a bit sharper upstairs and be for pressure."

TOAST . . . keeper got fans 600 pints at Rotherham pub

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LEAGUE ONE

TODAY'S FIXTURES

(3pm unless stated)

- AFC Wimbledon v Reading
- Bromley v Cambridge
- Doncaster v Barnsley (12.30pm)
- Leicester v Burton
- Luton v Notts County (12.30pm)
- MK Dons v Huddersfield
- Peterborough v Mansfield
- Stevenage v Oxford
- Stockport v Blackpool
- Wigan v Leyton Orient
- Wycombe v Plymouth

KING...POWER!

LEICESTER are unbeaten in their last 14 home openers in the league, since 2011 and a 2-0 defeat by Reading.

FOXES' LAST 14 HOME LEAGUE OPENING GAMES

Date	Tier	Opponents	Result
2012	2	Peterborough	W 2-0
2013	2	Leeds	D 0-0
2014	1	Everton	D 2-2
2015	1	Sunderland	W 4-2
2016	1	Arsenal	D 0-0
2017	1	Brighton	W 2-0
2018	1	Wolves	W 2-0
2019	1	Wolves	D 0-0
2020	1	Burnley	W 4-2
2021	1	Wolves	W 1-0
2022	1	Brentford	D 2-2
2023	2	Coventry	W 2-1
2024	1	Tottenham	D 1-1
2025	2	Sheff Wed	W 2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Huddersfield	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Stockport Cty	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Luton	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Cambridge	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Mansfield	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Bromley	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Sheff Wed	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
MK Dons	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Oxford Utd	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Leicester	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Stevenage	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Wycombe	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Blackpool	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Burton Albion	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Notts County	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Reading	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Wigan	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Doncaster	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Leyton Orient	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Barnsley	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Plymouth	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Peterborough	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
AFC Wimbledn	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

MANSFIELD boss Nigel Clough will lead a side against Peterborough for the 19th time in a league match — only against Barnsley (22) and Doncaster (21) has he managed more.

IT'S WIN OR

Power naps fuelling Wilshere's dreams of glory at the Hatters...

JACK WILSHERE has a BED in his office — because life as a manager never stops.

Having played at the highest level for Arsenal and England, the former midfielder thought he knew all about fatigue.

But after taking charge at Kenilworth Road last October, Wilshere quickly realised playing is instinct, coaching is 24-hour graft.

The 34-year-old Hatters chief relies on 20-minute post-lunch power naps in his office to reset his brain.

And that relentless work ethic paid immediate dividends in Luton's opening League One match of the season at Reading.

Trailing 3-1 at half-time, Wilshere delivered a rousing team talk — which went viral on social media — that saw his side mount a brilliant second-half comeback to win 4-3.

Wilshere said: "It's important to get a siesta when you can, coaching consumes your day.

"As a player, you train and go home. As a coach, you're literally 24-7 on your laptop, looking at clips, medical science, scouting and tactics. It never stops."

That dedication brought Vertu Trophy success in April — a special moment for a manager who first walked through Luton's door as an eight-year-old academy kid.

Despite that Wembley triumph, missing out on the League One play-offs by a single point hurt.

Wilshere is desperate to fire his boyhood club back towards the Premier League. But whether he is in a training tracksuit on the grass or a sharp suit on matchday, image matters.

Wilshere said: "There needs to be a balance. A manager should look important and command respect but you don't want to be stuffy.

"You must be comfortable in your tracksuit gear when you're out on the grass — and then differentiate yourself from the coaching staff on matchdays by being smart-casual.

"I wore a suit at Wembley because that's a respect thing for me.

"You see guys like Gareth Ainsworth at Gillingham on the touchline looking like the front man in a rock band wearing jeans and a leather jacket!

"I don't mind that, because everyone's got their own brand, but in this job, you can't fake it."

For Wilshere, there are no touchline ego trips, he is still "Jack from down the road" returning to his roots.

The Hatters boss said: "This club means a lot to me. The people are honest, hard-working, and see through anyone trying to play a character."

That same drive for realness is why Wilshere cuts straight through the noise with today's teenage prospects.

The former Gunners hero once dominated against a Barcelona midfield at the age of 19.

But he compares managing modern starlets to raising his own 14-year-old son in an instant-gratification world.

Wilshere said: "The language and culture are completely different now. Lads at 14 or 15 are dealing with TikTok, social media and hype. They want things quickly. They want it now.

"When I was younger, you'd go and ask your mum and it would be, 'Yeah, we'll go to the shops at the weekend', or 'no, you're not getting it'. Whereas now, it's 'We can get it on Amazon' and it arrives the same day'.

"And that is kind of the mentality of footballers today. So a big part of my job is convincing players to believe in and commit to the process — and enjoy it."

For Wilshere, real development takes time and making mistakes is vital. He said: "If a player wants to improve their weak foot, they're not going to go out tomorrow and practice it and instantly be better at it.

"It's going to take time. And experiencing things — sometimes that's failure for a player — is better than me explaining it to them, because they feel it, then they live it. A big thing is convincing players that it's OK to fail."

And Wilshere insists old-school hairdryer tactics instantly alienate footballers. He said: "They see through it instantly. If you aren't authentic, you lose the dressing room."

EXCLUSIVE by JUSTIN ALLEN

To forge his style, Wilshere draws on two contrasting Arsenal legends.

He learned tactical obsession and relentlessness from Mikel Arteta while coaching at London Colney, while Arsene Wenger taught him the power of trust and human psychology as a player.

Wilshere said: "Learning from Mikel, seeing how detailed he is, it sets the standard.

"Every second on the pitch matters. Being an Arsenal boy, you feel that identity deep inside.

"Arsene was incredible at making you feel invincible. He gave you total freedom and trust on the pitch — that stays with you forever."

And Wilshere is relishing locking horns this season with former Gunners team-mate Aaron Ramsey, who took charge at Oxford United.

The pair face off at Kenilworth Road in November before the February return at the MGroup Stadium.

He said: "We've had some banter about it. It will be strange seeing each other in the opposition dugouts after what we shared at Arsenal, but we're both loving this next chapter."

Even as football falls in love with data analytics and algorithms, Wilshere stays grounded in basic human values.

He said: "Technology and data are evolving and AI is everywhere now.

"But AI can't replace looking a player in the eye. It can't replace heart."

SLEEPING GIANT . . . Luton boss Jack Wilshire has a bed in his office at Kenilworth Road ready for an afternoon recharge

SNOOZE!

A HAPPY HATTER . . . Wilshere poses with the EFL trophy after Luton's 3-1 Wembley victory against Stockport in August

SHERE WIL POWER . . . Wilshere delivers a rousing half-time speech for his Luton team — trailing 3-1 at Reading — to mount a comeback and win 4-3 in their League One opener

HE'S ALL RIGHT, JACK . . . Wilshere talks early mornings, coffee, power naps and tactics with Sun man Justin Allen

A typical day in the life of Luton's boss

By JUSTIN ALLEN

EARLY ALARM

5am My alarm goes off. I've got a six-year-old boy in a bad habit of climbing into our bed, so I'm normally stuck under him somewhere!

I've dragged myself into the habit of getting up so early. As a coach, if you don't get ahead of your day before everyone else wakes up, you're instantly playing catch-up.

DOG WALKING

5:10am I've got two German Shepherds that need a bit of care so take them out, give them a drink and stuff before making myself a coffee for the drive in.

DRIVING INTO TRAINING

5:45am In the car and get talkSPORT on and listen to the national football debate. I want to get myself into the mood and like to know what's going on.

ARRIVE AT TRAINING GROUND

6:15am Get in and open my computer. I've got a notebook where I write down what I need to do during the day and what I want my staff to do.

FIRST MEETING

7:30am I'll meet with the analysts and we'll spend 45 minutes planning what we're going to show the players on the screens in the morning.

STAFF MEETING

8:30am All the medical, performance and coaching staff arrive. We'll plan training and what the players are doing as well as map out our day.

BREAKFAST

9am The chefs here are exceptional. It varies day to day but they have a live food station and will rustle you up an omelette or a protein bagel.

TEAM MEETING & PREP

10am We get the players together and talk through everything for about 20 minutes before they go off and start prepping.

TRAINING

11am We'll be doing this for an hour, an hour and a half. Out on the grass, I'm hands-on, high energy, setting standards and pushing our tactical identity.

LUNCH & POWER NAP

1pm I'll grab lunch and then a power nap. Coaching consumes your whole day. After debriefing and lunch, my brain is fried.

A quick 20-minutes of shut-eye in the office resets my energy for an intense afternoon.

CLIPS ANALYSIS & SCOUTING

2pm Afternoons are for deep analysis: breaking down team sessions, prepping opposition video, checking youth prospects or reviewing potential transfer targets. It's relentless.

DRIVE HOME

6:30pm It all depends on the day but I drive home anytime between 5pm-7pm.

FAMILY TIME

7pm Evenings are for family. We'll eat, hang out and binge a TV series like Suits — the best way to get your mind completely off football.

LIGHTS OUT

10:30pm I even track my sleep recovery stats now! I make sure I get enough rest before doing the whole crazy routine again tomorrow.

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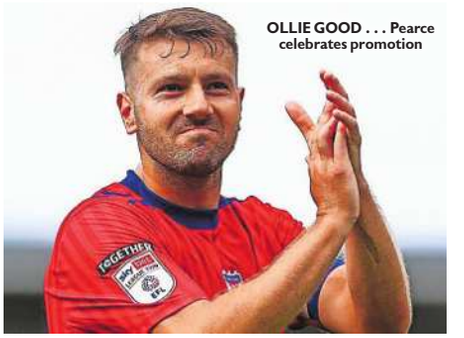

OLLIE GOOD . . . Pearce celebrates promotion

Ollie's done Vard yards to get to top

OLLIE PEARCE spent years having to cram into minibuses after full days at work to get to games — but now he wants to channel his inner Jamie Vardy and take the EFL by storm.

The striker has banged in goals at virtually every level of non-league from Bognor Regis and Worthing right through to firing York back to League Two.

He made his EFL debut aged 31 last weekend as the Minstermen beat Bristol Rovers 3-2. Ahead of today's trip to Rotherham, he uses Leicester legend Vardy as proof that genuine goalscoring instincts transcend divisions.

EXCLUSIVE
By JUSTIN ALLEN

Pearce said: "Where did Jamie Vardy come from?

"He was playing way down the leagues at Stocksbridge before going to Halifax and Fleetwood in the National League. And he went on to have some career, didn't he?

"There are a lot of gems in the lower leagues that people don't necessarily miss, but maybe don't take a chance on.

"Obviously, we had a difficult couple of years because of Covid when I was 24 or 25 and didn't really play for two years.

"It's taken me a while to get here, but now I'm here, I'm not going to stop. I want to keep pushing, get better, and take it to that next level."

Pearce, 31, spent over a decade playing low-level part-time football in unglamorous conditions.

He bagged over 80 goals for Bognor Regis in the Isthmian Premier Division before moving to Worthing, where he smashed an incredible 155 goals in 245 games. That included a staggering 46-goal campaign before joining York two years ago.

Pearce recalled: "I started out at Bognor. We were finishing work at 5.30pm and leaving to get into London for a 7.30 kick-off in a cramped minibus.

"Now, you've got pretty much everything done for you as a professional footballer. It's a completely different level.

"The change from part-time to full-time was the biggest shift. Training every single day, your legs and body aren't used to it at first.

"League Two is a lot more physical, so you have to switch on a bit quicker."

It has been a whirlwind week at York following the shock departure of title-winning manager Stuart Maynard.

Ex-Crawley chief Scott Lindsey replaced him.

Pearce added: "It's good for us that he still wants us to play good football."

LEAGUE TWO

TODAY'S FIXTURES
(3pm unless stated)

Bristol Rovers v Newport (12.30pm)	Rochdale v Crawley
Colchester v Oldham	Rotherham v York
Crewe v Northampton	Salford v Chesterfield (12.30pm)
Exeter v Accrington	Shrewsbury v Barnet
Fleetwood v Gillingham	Swindon v Cheltenham
Port Vale v Tranmere	Walsall v Grimsby (12.30pm)

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FA CUP

There is 'moah in the tank, even at 45

DEREK GOING STRONG 22YRS ON FROM RON

STILL ROARING IN HIS FORTIES . . . Asamoah celebrates his debut goal for Whitstable

EXCLUSIVE by JOSHUA JONES

TWO exciting young forwards faced off when Manchester United beat Northampton in the FA Cup fourth round in January 2004.

More than 22 years on, Cristiano Ronaldo and Derek Asamoah are both still going strong.

Ronaldo is a fledgling 41 compared to 45-years-young Asamoah – who is, literally, showing no signs of slowing down.

Asamoah scored just 70 seconds into his Whitstable debut in the Cup extra preliminary round a fortnight ago . . . becoming one of the competition's oldest goalscorers.

He faces Newhaven today for a spot in the first qualifying round.

New Oysters ace Asamoah said: "There was a lot of hype around the Northampton-United game between Ronaldo and me because we were both doing skills and entertaining the crowd. It was a really good battle.

"It's absolutely crazy we are both still playing. Age is just a barrier and I'm proud I'm not just a bit-time player making up numbers for the fairytale.

"I'm playing 90 minutes, contributing goals, leading the team. I'm still one of the quickest.

"I've always really looked after myself. I've done my stretches, prepared properly and don't just jump out of bed and put my boots on.

"I rest right. I eat really clean. I go to the gym regularly and I'm not a drinker – after games everyone sees me with water. Sometimes I play Saturday and Sunday."

Eighth-tier Whitstable – who play in the Isthmian League South East Division – is the 22nd club of Asamoah's ultimate journeyman career which began as a 17-year-old, 28 years ago at Barking.

He spent much of the Noughties in the EFL before a complicated transfer to Ligue 1's Nice followed by spells in Scotland, Bulgaria and South Korea, returning to England with Carlisle in 2014. Impressively, he can rattle off his full CV in order.

Asamoah, who manages properties around his football, also earned four caps for Ghana alongside Michael Essien and Asamoah Gyan.

But he has no plans to retire, especially after some memorable family moments.

Asamoah explained: "Every year since I turned 39, I've told myself I'll quit if I don't score 20 goals in a season. Since then, I've scored 150 goals.

"People who've retired say they knew when it was time. Right now, the love of the game keeps me going and my body feels in top-notch condition.

"I'm probably the only player who hasn't seen the physio in ages. I don't get any massages, taping or strapping.

"Cheshunt signed both me and my son Maleace. We made our debuts together and also played for New Salamis together. In one game, we both scored and he assisted me.

"I played with my son Zayshaun at Haringey and Sittingbourne, where we both scored in a game and I assisted his winner.

"Some people have kickabouts with their kids in the park. I feel so blessed by what we've achieved."

Speaking of unbelievable, forward Maleace, 23, is on loan at Shamrock Rovers from Wigan and believed to be the world's quickest footballer.

Asamoah Sr added: "Maleace recorded the fastest time in football at 40kph (24.8mph) for Wigan. Kylian Mbappe is at about 39km.

"I don't think anyone's broken Maleace's record but I keep telling him that in my prime, I'd have beaten him. I managed 35kph last year."

Asamoah is motivated to keep playing for another decade for another son.

He revealed: "My six-year-old, Ezra, said to me, 'Dad, are you going to be playing in ten years because I want to play with you as well?'

"I told him I'll try my best but can't promise."

Asamoah has been scoring goals for nearly 30 years. So has he stuck with one celebration or created new moves?

He said: "I'm a simple guy. It's a little fist bump. The only time I went overboard was when Carlisle played Liverpool at Anfield.

"I told my team-mate beforehand I had a celebration I wanted to do. He set me up for my goal, I did the cartwheel, got on my knee and shot him. The way he went down was beautiful."

BIG HIT . . . Asamoah's cele after netting for Carlisle in cup tie with Liverpool

THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD
ASAMOAH'S CLUBS

2000-01	Slough Town
2001-04	Northampton
2004-05	Mansfield
2005-06	Lincoln
2006	Chester (loan)
2006-07	Shrewsbury
2007-09	Nice
2009	Hamilton
2009-10	Lokomotiv Sofia
2011-12	Pohang Steelers
2013	Daegu
2014-17	Carlisle
2017	Guiseley
2017-18	Haringey Borough
2020	Cheshunt
2021-23	New Salamis
2023-24	Brightlingsea Regent
2024	New Salamis
2024-25	Haringey Borough
2025-26	Sittingbourne
2026-	Whitstable

FLASHBACK

JAN 25 2004

FA CUP FOURTH ROUND (Sixfields Stadium) Att: 7,356

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Silvestre 34, Hargreaves (og) 47, Forlan 68

Northampton: Harper, Lyttle, Sampson, Carruthers (Chambers 51), Reid, Willmott, Reeves (Richards 45), Lincoln (Harsley 72), Hargreaves, ◀ASAMOAH, Smith. UNUSED SUBS: Thompson, Vieira.

Manchester United: Carroll, Brown, Silvestre (Bardsley 72), O'Shea, Fortune (Pugh 89), Fletcher, Butt, Scholes (Richardson 72), RONALDO ▶, Bellion, Forlan. UNUSED SUBS: Howard, Keane.

HOLS FROM £9.50

241 parks to choose from

4 midweek nights for the price of 3

FIZZY POPULAR . . . Amie and Ann Westwood, Clare Bishop and Caroline Hunt enjoying their Hol From £9.50 at Parkdean Resorts Trecco Bay Holiday Park, Cornwall

ONLY TWO codewords to collect

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ENJOY AN AUTUMN BREAK OR BOOK NOW FOR 2027. CHEERS!

PACK your suitcase – it's your last chance this year to book one of our fabulous Hols From £9.50.

For more than 30 years, we have been sending the nation on our fantastic breaks and millions of readers have enjoyed them.

We have tens of thousands of great getaways available, with NO EXTRAS to pay. You won't find better deals anywhere – guaranteed*.

Wherever you want to go, we have tons of super getaways at unbeatable prices for you and your family.

Choose from holiday parks throughout the UK and popular European destinations including Spain, Croatia and France. We have thousands of autumn 2026 breaks available. Or book for 2027 now to get the same price as 2026 on many breaks!

We offer the best value for holiday park breaks, including four midweek nights for the price of three, so ALWAYS check here first.

There are multiple ways to book – either collect TWO codewords or Sun Savers codes, or sign up to Sun Club or Sun Club Plus. Your first codeword is GATE, which you can also see on the back of this pullout and today's Sun Savers code is on Page 34 of the main newspaper.

Find out more about our breaks at thesun.co.uk/holidays. *See Page 8 for T&Cs.

COLLECT 2 SUN SAVERS CODES OR CODEWORDS OR JOIN SUN CLUB AND BOOK YOUR BREAK TOMORROW

BEST-PRICE GUARANTEE

WE guarantee that the price for your holiday – with optional entertainment/clubroom passes and dog charge (if applicable) added – will be the best price available for the same getaway (same park, date and accommodation type).

If you find it cheaper within 28 days of booking, you will get a refund for the difference plus £10.

The price comparison excludes extras, such as booking fees and linen. Full T&Cs are on Page 8.

THE BEST BARGAINS

EVERY Holiday From £9.50 is a bargain. But for the best deal of all, look out for the parks offering £9.50 breaks with nothing extra to pay, unless you choose optional add-ons. Most £9.50 dates are midweek getaways, so you get four nights for the price of three, too.

MONEY-SAFE GUARANTEE

THE payment you make to Holidays In The Sun is guaranteed to be safe and will be returned to you in case of a default by your holiday park.

Your payment is kept in trust until after your booking date.

This refund guarantee applies to your accommodation payment to Holidays In The Sun only, so does not cover transport, nor extras you pay directly to your chosen park/operator.

FREE LINEN AND UPGRADES

LOOK for the "free linen" logo under the parks for better value. Premier Plus accommodation at all parks includes bedding as well.

If linen is not included, simply take your own, or you can hire it from the park. Look for the "free upgrade" symbol, too, for even better value.

GO MIDWEEK AVOID THE PEAK

GET 33 per cent extra FREE! More of our bookers choose a midweek getaway than weekend trips and school holidays put together.

And it's easy to see why, because going midweek gives you the very best deals, there are thousands more holidays to choose from and the parks are quieter too!

Visiting local attractions while you're away is often cheaper midweek too.

MORE EXTRAS INCLUDED

REDUCE the stress with our extras-included pricing. The price you see is the price you pay.

Holidays are from £9.50pp to £49.50pp depending on the date and park. Check out our price grid, on the right, and our park listings.

Any extras are optional – entertainment and clubroom passes, holiday home upgrades, bed linen (if your park does not include it free), and dog charge(s).

For the best deal, choose parks and dates with **FREE** entertainment passes. Charges are shown in our listings. For full information see thesun.co.uk/holidays.

All holidays are based on a minimum of four sharing and are subject to the T&Cs and How To Book section in this pullout.

HOLS FOR EVERYONE

ADULTS: Tens of thousands of adult parties book each year. And they take advantage of the best deals midweek when the parks are quieter and there are many more holidays to choose from.

Look for parks with leisure spas, tennis and golf, glitzy night-time entertainment and great bars.

Or relax and explore local towns, villages and the countryside. Enjoy beach strolls, wonderful day trips, evening entertainment, prize bingo and so much more.

FAMILIES

OUR family breaks are sure to satisfy – swimming, outdoor adventures, kids' clubs, entertainment and loads more. We have tens of thousands of weekend breaks available. Look out for parks offering daytime and evening entertainment. Your kids will have a ball, and we know you will too.

FAMILIES WITH TOTS

GOT pre-school kids? Bag the best bargains with a midweek, pay-no-extras break, when the parks are quieter too. There are even breaks with entertainment especially for toddlers – expect lively discos, character meet-and-greets and loads more.

PLAN your Hols From £9.50 break using our handy guide, with tips on how and where to book.

Choose a staycation at a UK park, or a European getaway to France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Slovenia, Austria, the Netherlands, Germany or Croatia.

To find out all you need to know just head online to thesun.co.uk/holidays.

A WIGHT GOOD TIME ... Charlotte Oram and husband Ben at The Lakes Rookley Holiday Park

IT'S A THREE HOLIDAY Madeline Reilly, Craig Burrowes and baby Marley at Seal Bay Resort, Selsey, West Sussex

All you need to know about your holiday

UPGRADE YOUR HOLIDAY HOME FOR LESS

ADD extra comfort by choosing an upgrade, at many UK parks. Last year, thousands of you upgraded and gave it top marks.

Accommodation will be caravan homes, chalets, apartments, maisonettes, lodges, bungalows or cottages. Some sleep up to eight. Check-in is from 4pm.

Pay for your upgrade while booking online. For postal applications, see details on the booking form.

COMFORT – from £9.50pp

THE choice of millions of happy Sun holidaymakers! At least 10ft wide, comfortable and well-fitted. Many parks offer free bed linen, or you can hire this from the park, but beds may not be made up.

COMFORT PLUS – extra £7pp

THESE are at least 10ft wide with the features of a Comfort accommodation, and multi-room heating. Plus, if your park offers free bed linen or you hire it, beds will be made up for your arrival.

COMFORT EXTRA WIDE – extra £13pp

THIS accommodation is extra spacious, modern and at least 12ft wide. You really notice the extra space. They feature interiors of a higher quality. If your park offers free bed linen or you hire this, beds are made for your arrival.

PREMIER PLUS – extra £26pp

THE best accommodation we offer! Limited availability at selected parks. This ultra-modern accommodation is at least 12ft wide and superbly kitted out with stylish fittings, central heating throughout and double glazing. Bed linen is included, with beds made up.

DOG-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION

PARKS with the dog-friendly symbol accept up to two dogs in specific accommodation. Some parks have dog-friendly upgrades. Check T&Cs for information on allowed breeds.

Pay for your dogs while booking online. Dog-friendly accommodation cannot be booked by post. If no dog-friendly accommodation is available, some parks may let you add dogs once you receive your confirmation.

PEACE OF MIND FROM £12

BE prepared for the unexpected. For extra peace of mind, protect yourself against the unknown with our Cancellation Protection Plan. Just £12 covers your whole party for short breaks, and you will get a refund if you need to cancel your holiday due to any of these reasons:

- Serious bodily injury, illness or death
- Redundancy
- Jury service or attendance as a witness
- Emergency posting overseas (applies to those in armed forces or emergency services)
- Instruction to stay at home by a doctor or due to an infectious disease, fire, explosion, storm, flood, subsidence or burglary

■ See full details, T&Cs at **thesun.co.uk/holidays**.

Need help? Find our FAQs at thesun.co.uk/holidays

The Sun HOLS FROM £9.50

HOW TO BOOK YOUR BRILL BARGAIN BREAK

IT'S so easy to book! Simply collect **TWO** out of seven codewords or Sun Savers codes.

Or sign up to Sun Club for £1.99 to get automatic access. We will print codewords and Sun Savers codes daily in the newspaper from today until Friday, August 28.

Book as soon as you can – the closing date is Monday, September 21.

All holidays are based on a minimum of four people sharing. There is a £3.20 online booking fee. Full T&Cs on Page 8 of this pullout.

BOOK ONLINE WITH CODEWORDS: Today's codeword is on Page 8 of this pullout. Collect another codeword, then enter the codewords at **thesun.co.uk/holidays** to unlock booking from tomorrow. Search the holidays available, pay online and you'll get on-screen confirmation.

OR BOOK WITH SUN CLUB: Join Sun Club at **thesun.co.uk/club** for £1.99 per month. Go to the Sun Club hub and find the hols page. You do not need to collect any codewords or Sun Savers codes. Booking opens tomorrow.

OR BOOK WITH SUN SAVERS: You can also book on the free Sun Savers app or at **sunsavers.co.uk**. Go to the Hols From £9.50 page in the Offers section, click Start Collecting and enter the Sun Savers code on Page 34 of today's paper. Enter or scan another Sun Savers code to unlock booking from tomorrow. Each Sun Savers code you collect gets you a ticket for our Sun Raffle, for your chance to win £100 in our monthly draw.

OR BOOK BY POST: Complete the booking form on the back of this pullout and post it to us with a cheque and **TWO** codewords – today's is on the form. Simply follow the instructions on the form.

SUN CLUB T&Cs: 18+ UK only. New customer offer: £1.99 per month or £9.99 for the first year, then £19.99 unless you cancel at least seven days before your next billing date. For the full T&Cs which apply, see thesun.co.uk/club.

SUNDAE BLOODY SUNDAE . . . Wendy Payton and daughter Kelly at Unity Beach Holiday Park, Brean, Somerset

Band A	Band B	Monday - Friday (4 nights)	Friday - Monday (3 nights)
£9.50pp		Sep 28 Oct 5 Nov 2,9,16,23,30 Dec 7,14	Nov 6,13,20,27 Dec 4,11
£9.50	£14.50	Sep 14, 21 Oct 12	Oct 2, 9
£14.50	£19.50	Oct 19	Oct 16
£19.50	£29.50	Aug 31 Sep 7 Dec 21	Sep 4,11,18,25 Oct 30 Dec 18
£29.50	£39.50		Aug 28 Oct 23
£39.50	£49.50	Oct 26	

PRICES FOR 2026

Band A	Band B	Monday - Friday (4 nights)	Friday - Monday (3 nights)
£9.50	£14.50	Mar 8, 15 Apr 19, 26 May 3	
£9.50	£19.50	Feb 22 Mar 1 May 10	
£14.50	£19.50	Mar 22 Apr 12 May 17	Feb 26 Mar 5, 12, 19 Apr 16, 23 May 7
£29.50	£39.50		May 14

PRICES FOR 2027 UK ONLY

Seven-night breaks start on Mondays or Fridays and cost the same as the three and four-nights breaks added together. Not all parks are available on all dates. Some exclusions apply – see park listings and when booking for specific prices.

YOUR HOLS FROM £9.50 CALCULATOR

People	£9.50pp	£14.50pp	£19.50pp	£29.50pp	£39.50pp	£49.50pp
2, 3 or 4	£38	£58	£78	£118	£158	£198
5	£47.50	£72.50	£97.50	£147.50	£197.50	£247.50
6	£57	£87	£117	£177	£237	£297

PLUS a £3.20 booking fee. For postal applications, send the amount shown on the form, then pay any extra to your park once you receive confirmation.

SOME FERRY GOOD DEALS

HOLIDAYING in Europe or travelling to/from the Isle of Wight? We have some great deals that will save you £££s on standard fares.

These fares are ONLY available with your Sun holiday. Prices are based on three or four-night breaks, for selected Monday and Friday sailings. Supplements may apply on peak dates.

To book, for full details and excluded dates, go to club950.co.uk/ferries.

ISLE OF WIGHT

Red Funnel Ferries: SOUTHAMPTON-COWES, from £66 return for car and up to seven occupants. Wightlink: PORTSMOUTH-FISHBOURNE, LYMINGTON-YARMOUTH, 30 per cent off Economy & Standard fares.

EUROPE

P&O Ferries: DOVER-CALAIS, from £123 return. Seven nights from £173 return. Car and up to nine occupants.

DFDS: DOVER-CALAIS/DUNKIRK, ten per cent off. Car and up to nine occupants. NEWCASTLE-AMSTERDAM, 15 per cent off, with or without car. Brittany Ferries: Various routes to France and Spain.

. . . OR TAKE A LOW-COST OR BUDGET FLIGHT

Airlines fly to airports near our European parks. Find the closest at thesun.co.uk/holidays.

1. EAST ANGLIA

1 PARK HOLIDAYS UK STEEPLE BAY
Southminster FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band A prices, except for:
£11.50pp Sep 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, Mar 8, 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 **£14.50pp** Apr 12, 19, 26, Oct 1, 8 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 **£19.50pp** Oct 2, 9, 16, Mar 5, 12, 22, Apr 9 **£29.50pp** Apr 5 **£39.50pp** Apr 30, Oct 22 **£49.50pp** Mar 29, Oct 25 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28, 31, Jul 19

2 PARKDEAN RESORTS COOPERS BEACH
Mersea Island FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £5 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for:
£9.50pp Oct 12 **£14.50pp** Mar 12 **£19.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 21, 25, 28, Apr 19 **£29.50pp** Oct 19, Mar 22, May 24 **£39.50pp** May 21

3 PARK HOLIDAYS UK SEAWICK
St Osyth FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band A prices, except for: **£11.50pp** Sep 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, Mar 8, 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 **£14.50pp** Apr 12, 19, 26, Oct 1, 8 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 **£19.50pp** Oct 2, 9, Mar 5, 12, 22, Apr 9 **£29.50pp** Apr 5 **£39.50pp**, Oct 23, Apr 30, Oct 22 **£49.50pp** Oct 26, Mar 29, Oct 25 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28, 31, Jul 19

4 PARK HOLIDAYS UK ST OSYTH & MARTELLO BEACH
St Osyth FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band A prices, except for:
£11.50pp Sep 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, Mar 8, 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 **£14.50pp** Apr 12, 19, 26, Oct 1, 8 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 **£19.50pp** Oct 2, 9, 16, Mar 5, 12, 22 **£29.50pp** Apr 5 **£39.50pp**, Oct 23, Apr 30, Oct 22 **£49.50pp** Oct 26, Mar 29, Oct 25 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28, 31, Jul 19

5 PARKDEAN RESORTS VALLEY FARM
Clacton-on-Sea FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for: **£14.50pp** Sep 21, Mar 15, Apr 19 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, Oct 9, 19, Mar 19, 22, Apr 23, May 17 **£29.50pp** Oct 2, Apr 12, May 24 **£39.50pp** May 21

6 PARKDEAN RESORTS HIGHFIELD GRANGE
Clacton-on-Sea FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £8 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for:
£9.50pp Sep 21 **£14.50pp** Sep 28, Oct 5, Nov 2, Mar 15, 22
£19.50pp Oct 9, Nov 6, Apr 12, 16, May 7, 17, 24

7 PARKDEAN RESORTS NAZE MARINE
Walton-on-the-Naze FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £7 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for:
£9.50pp Oct 12, May 3 **£14.50pp** Mar 12 **£19.50pp** Sep 7, 28, Oct 2, Apr 19, May 10, 17
£24.50pp Oct 16, 19 **£29.50pp** Mar 22, May 24 **£39.50pp** May 21

8 PARK HOLIDAYS UK DOVERCOURT
Dovercourt, Nr. Harwich FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for:
£11.50pp Sep 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, Mar 8, 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18
£14.50pp Oct 19, Mar 19, Oct 15
£17.50pp Apr 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 10, 17, 24
£19.50pp Sep 4, 7, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 30, Apr 9, Oct 29
£24.50pp Apr 12
£29.50pp Apr 5, Jul 2, 9
£39.50pp Apr 2, Jul 12
£49.50pp Apr 30, Jul 16, 19 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28

9 PARK HOLIDAYS UK SUFFOLK SANDS NEW
Felixstowe FREE LINEN

Guests can use the facilities at sister park Felixstowe Beach

DOGS £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for:
£19.50pp Sep 28, Oct 5, 9, Apr 9, 26, May 3, 10, 17, Sep 13, 27, Oct 1, 4, 8, 11
£24.50pp Mar 19, Apr 12, 19
£29.50pp Apr 5, 23, May 24, Jul 5 **£39.50pp** Apr 2
£49.50pp Apr 30 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28

10 PARK HOLIDAYS UK CARLTON MERES
Saxmundham FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for:
£17.50pp Apr 16, 23, May 7 **£19.50pp** Sep 18, 21, 25, 28, Oct 2, 5, 9, 12, 30, Mar 15, Apr 9, 26, May 3, 10, 17, Sep 13, 27, Oct 1, 4, 8, 11, 29
£24.50pp Mar 19, Apr 12
£29.50pp May 24, Jul 5 **£39.50pp** Apr 2, 5, Jul 12
£49.50pp Apr 30, Jul 16 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28

11 PARKDEAN RESORTS KESSINGLAND BEACH
Nr. Southwold FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for:
£14.50pp Sep 21, May 10 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, Oct 2, 9, 16, Feb 19, Mar 12, 19, Apr 23, May 17, 24 **£29.50pp** Sep 4, May 14, 21

12 PARK HOLIDAYS UK PAKEFIELD
Pakefield FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for: **£14.50pp** Apr 12 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, 21, 25, 28, Oct 2, 5, 9, 12, 30, Mar 15, Apr 9, May 3, 10, 17, Sep 13, 27, Oct 1, 4, 8, 11, 29 **£24.50pp** Mar 19 **£29.50pp** Apr 5, May 24, Jul 2, 9 **£39.50pp** Apr 2, Jul 12 **£49.50pp** Apr 30, Jul 16 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28

13 PARK HOLIDAYS UK BROADLAND SANDS
Nr. Lowestoft FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band A prices, except for:
£11.50pp Sep 21, 28, Oct 5, 9, 12, Mar 8, 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 **£14.50pp** Apr 12, 19, 26, Oct 1, 8 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, Oct 2, Mar 5, 12, 22, Apr 9 **£29.50pp** Apr 5 **£39.50pp**, Oct 22 **£49.50pp** Oct 26, Mar 29, Apr 30, Oct 25 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28, 31

14 PARKDEAN RESORTS CHERRY TREE
Gt. Yarmouth FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Oct 19 **£14.50pp** Sep 21, May 10 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, Oct 2, 9, 16, May 17, 24 **£29.50pp** Sep 4, 11, May 14, 21

15 PARKDEAN RESORTS BREYDON WATER
Gt. Yarmouth FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for:
£14.50pp Sep 28, Oct 9, Apr 12, May 10 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, 21, Oct 2, 16, Apr 23, May 17, 24 **£29.50pp** Sep 4, 11, Oct 30

16 PARKDEAN RESORTS VAUXHALL
Gt. Yarmouth FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £10 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for:
£14.50pp Mar 15, 22 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, May 24

17 PARKDEAN RESORTS CALIFORNIA CLIFFS
Gt. Yarmouth FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for: **£19.50pp** Sep 21, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, Mar 19, Apr 23, May 10, 17, 24 **£29.50pp** May 14, 21

18 PARKDEAN RESORTS SUMMERFIELDS
Gt. Yarmouth FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for: **£14.50pp** Oct 9, Apr 16, May 17 **£19.50pp** Oct 2, 16, 19, Mar 22 **£24.50pp** May 7 **£29.50pp** Sep 4, Oct 30, May 14, 24 **£39.50pp** May 21

2. LINCS, YORKS & NORTH EAST

19 TATTERSHALL LAKES COUNTRY PARK
Tattershall

ENT+ PASSES £12 pp **DOGS** £45 each
Band B prices, except for:
£14.50pp Sep 28, Oct 5, Nov 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30, Dec 4, 7, 11

20 PARKDEAN RESORTS SOUTHVIEW
Skegness FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £9 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Apr 26 **£14.50pp** Sep 28, Nov 2, Mar 22
£19.50pp Sep 14, Oct 2, Apr 12, May 17, 24 **£29.50pp** Oct 19

21 THE CHASE
Ingoldmells, Skegness

Band B prices, except for:
£19.50pp Sep 11, 18, 25
£29.50pp Oct 26

22 GOLDEN ANCHOR
Chapel St. Leonards, Skegness

Band B prices, except for:
£9.50pp Oct 12
£19.50pp Sep 11, 18 **£29.50pp** Oct 26

23 TOWERVANS
Mablethorpe

Band B prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Oct 12 **£19.50pp** Sep 11, 18, 25
£29.50pp Oct 26

THE Sun HOLS FROM £9.50

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24 PARKDEAN RESORTS SUNNYDALE
Saltfleet, Nr. Mablethorpe FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £4.50 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for: **£9.50** Sep 21, Oct 5, 12, Apr 19, 26 **£14.50pp** Oct 9, May 10 **£19.50pp** Oct 2, 16, May 17, 24 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

25 CLEETHORPES PEARL
Cleethorpes

ENT+ PASSES £12 pp - passes FREE on breaks starting Nov 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23 **DOGS** £45 each
Band B prices, except for: **£14.50pp** Sep 28, Oct 5, Nov 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23

26 SEVEN LAKES COUNTRY PARK NEW
Crowle

Band B prices

27 PARKDEAN RESORTS WITHERNSEA SANDS
Withernsea FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for: **£14.50pp** Oct 5, 12, Apr 19, 26 **£19.50pp** Sep 21, Oct 2, 9, 16, May 10, 17, 24 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

28 PARK HOLIDAYS UK SAND LE MERE
Tunstall FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates
Band A prices, except for: **£11.50pp** Sep 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, Mar 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 **£14.50pp** Apr 12, 19, 26, Oct 1, 8 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, Oct 2, 9, Mar 8, 12, 22, Apr 9 **£29.50pp** Apr 5 **£39.50pp** Oct 23, Apr 30, Oct 22 **£49.50pp** Mar 29, Oct 25 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28, 31, Jul 19

29 SKIRLINGTON COAST
Skipsea

CLUBROOM PASSES £10.95 pp
Band B prices

30 PARKDEAN RESORTS SKIPSEA SANDS
Skipsea FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6.50 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Apr 26 **£19.50pp** Apr 12, 16, May 10, 17, 24 **£29.50pp** Oct 2

31 PARKDEAN RESORTS BARMSTON BEACH
Barmston FREE LINEN

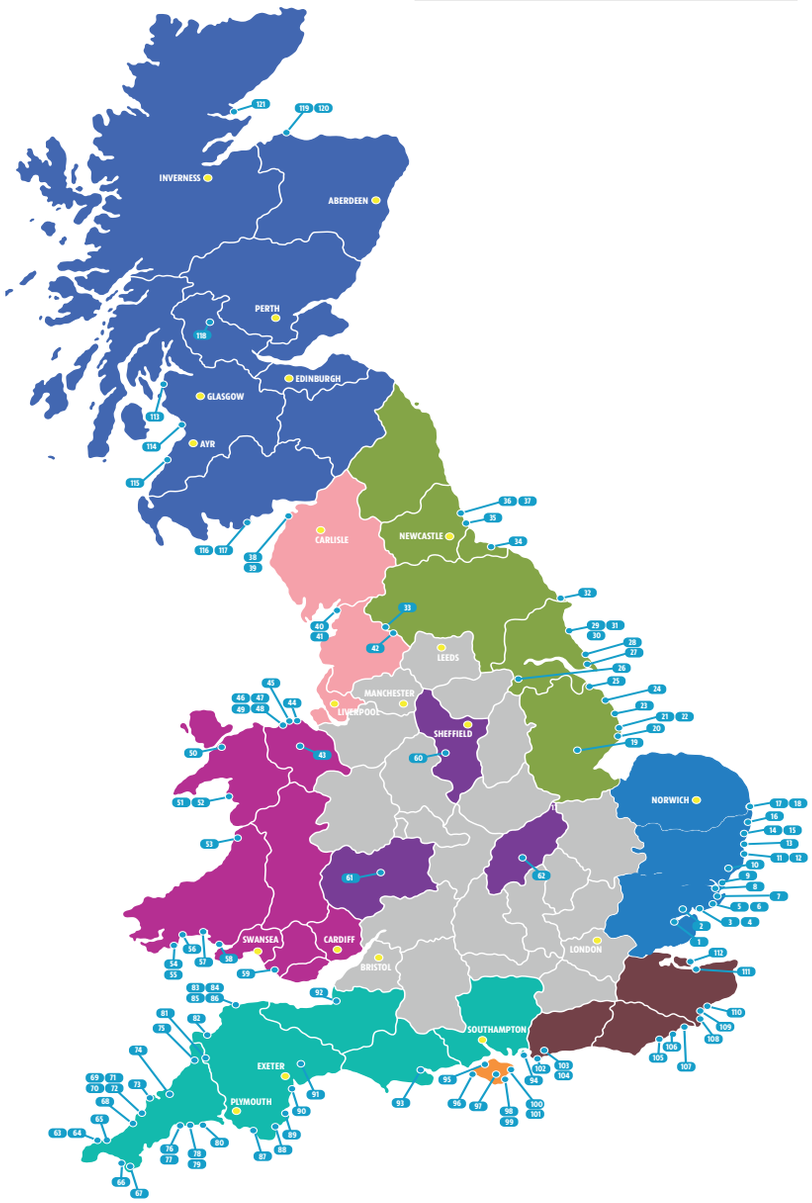
ENT+ PASSES £4.50 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Oct 12, May 3 **£14.50pp** Oct 19, Mar 22 **£19.50pp** Apr 12, 16, 19, 26, May 10, 17, 24

32 PARKDEAN RESORTS CAYTON BAY
Cayton Bay FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £8.50 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for: **£14.50pp** Mar 15 **£19.50pp** Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, Apr 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 **£29.50pp** Mar 12, 19, 22, Apr 23

33 PARK HOLIDAYS UK BOWLAND FELL
Skipton FREE LINEN

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates
Band B prices, except for: **£19.50pp** Oct 9, 30, Mar 8, 15, Apr 9, 26, May 3, 10, 17, Sep 13, 27, Oct 1, 4, 8, 11 **£24.50pp** Mar 19, Apr 12, 19 **£29.50pp** Apr 5, 23, May 24, Jul 5, Oct 22 **£39.50pp** Apr 2, Jul 12, Oct 25 **£49.50pp** Apr 30 **£59.50pp** May 28



34 PARKDEAN RESORTS CRIMDON DENE
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ENT+ PASSES £5pp **DOGS** £35 each
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Park Symbols

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- Cottages/Villas/Bungalows
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- Beach within 400 yards
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- Kids Entertainment
- Golf on Park
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50 BRYNTEG
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£19.50pp Mar 8, 15, Apr 9, 26, May 3, 10, 17, Sep 13, 27, Oct 1, 4, 8, 11 **£24.50pp** Mar 19, Apr 12, 19 **£29.50pp** Apr 23, May 24, Jul 5 **£39.50pp** Apr 2, 5 **£49.50pp** Apr 30
£59.50pp Mar 26, May 28

61 MALVERN VIEW COUNTRY & LEISURE PARK
Worcester FREE LINEN
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CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
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62 BILLING AQUADROME
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CLUBROOM PASSES £10 pp **DOGS** FREE
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63 ST IVES BAY
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Nr. Helston FREE LINEN
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77 PARK HOLIDAYS UK POLPERRO
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79 TENCREEK
Looe
ENT+ PASSES FREE **DOGS** £49 each
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80 PARKDEAN RESORTS LOOE BAY
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86 COMBE MARTIN BEACH
Combe Martin
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87 PARKDEAN RESORTS CHALLABOROUGH BAY
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88 SOUTH BAY
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89 PARKDEAN RESORTS TORQUAY
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98 PARKDEAN RESORTS LOWER HYDE
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8. SOUTH EAST

102 SEAL BAY RESORT
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£39.50pp Aug 31, Sep 4, 11, Oct 9, 26

103 PARK HOLIDAYS UK CHICHESTER LAKESIDE
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Band B prices, except for:
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104 RIVERSIDE
Bognor Regis
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107 PARKDEAN RESORTS CAMBER SANDS
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108 PARKDEAN RESORTS ROMNEY SANDS
Dymchurch FREE LINEN
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New Romney FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for: **£11.50pp** Sep 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, Mar 8, 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 **£14.50pp** Oct 19, Apr 12, Oct 15 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, May 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 10, 17, 24 **£19.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 30, Apr 9, Oct 29 **£24.50pp** Mar 19 **£29.50pp** Apr 5, Jun 4, Jul 2, 9 **£39.50pp** Apr 2, Jul 12 **£49.50pp** Apr 30, Jul 16 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28

110 PARK HOLIDAYS UK NEW BEACH
Dymchurch FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

ENT+ PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for:
£11.50pp Sep 28, Oct 5, 12, Mar 8, 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 **£14.50pp** Oct 19, Apr 12, Oct 15 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, May 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 10, 17, 24 **£19.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 21, Oct 2, 9, 30, Apr 9, Oct 29 **£24.50pp** Mar 19 **£29.50pp** Apr 5, Jun 4, Jul 2, 9 **£39.50pp** Apr 2, Jul 12 **£49.50pp** Apr 30, Jul 16 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28

111 PARK HOLIDAYS UK ALBERTA
Whitstable FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for: **£14.50pp** Oct 19 **£19.50pp** Oct 5, 9, 12, 30, Mar 8, 15, Apr 9, 26, May 3, 10, 17, Sep 13, 27, Oct 1, 4, 8, 11 **£24.50pp** Mar 19, Apr 12, 19 **£29.50pp** Apr 5, 23, May 24, Jul 5 **£39.50pp** Apr 2 **£49.50pp** Apr 30

112 PARK HOLIDAYS UK HARTS
Isle of Sheppey FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

ENT+ PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band A prices, except for: **£11.50pp** Sep 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, Mar 8, 15, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18 **£14.50pp** Apr 12, 19, 26, Oct 1, 8 **£17.50pp** Apr 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21, Jun 11, 18, 25, Jul 5, Sep 10, 17, 24 **£19.50pp** Oct 2, 9, Mar 5, 12, 22, Apr 9 **£29.50pp** Apr 5, Aug 30, Sep 3 **£39.50pp** Oct 22 **£49.50pp** Mar 29, Apr 30, Oct 25 **£59.50pp** Mar 26, May 28, 31, Jul 19

9. SCOTLAND

113 PARKDEAN RESORTS WEMYSS BAY
Wemyss Bay FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Mar 22, May 10 **£14.50pp** Oct 5 **£19.50pp** Oct 2, Apr 16, May 7, 17 **£29.50pp** Apr 19, May 24

114 PARKDEAN RESORTS SANDYLANDS
Saltcoats FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £5 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Mar 22 **£14.50pp** Oct 5 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, 28, May 17 **£29.50pp** Sep 11, Oct 19

115 PARKDEAN RESORTS SUNDRUM CASTLE
Nr. Ayr FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £5 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band A prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Mar 22 **£19.50pp** Sep 14, Oct 5, May 10, 17 **£29.50pp** Oct 2, May 24 **£39.50pp** Oct 19

116 PARKDEAN RESORTS SOUTHERNESS
Nr. Dumfries FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £7 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Mar 22, Apr 26, May 3, 10 **£14.50pp** Oct 5 **£19.50pp** Aug 31, Feb 8, 22, Apr 16, May 7 **£29.50pp** Oct 2, 19, May 24

117 LIGHTHOUSE LEISURE
Southerness, Dumfries

POOL PASSES £20 per group per session **DOGS** £20 each
£50 refundable security deposit
Band B prices, except for:
£29.50pp Sep 21, Oct 9, 12, 16, 19 **£59.50pp** Aug 28, 31, Sep 25

118 PARKDEAN RESORTS TUMMEL VALLEY
Pitlochry FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £5 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for: **£9.50pp** Mar 22, Apr 19 **£19.50pp** Sep 21, 28, Apr 16, May 3, 7, 10, 17 **£29.50pp** Oct 2, May 24 **£39.50pp** May 21

119 PARK HOLIDAYS UK SILVER SANDS
Lossiemouth FREE LINEN FREE FOOD & DRINK

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for: **£19.50pp** Sep 28, Oct 2, 5, 30, Mar 15, Apr 9, 26, May 3, 10, 17, Sep 13, 27, Oct 1, 4, 8, 11, 29 **£24.50pp** Mar 19, Apr 12, 19 **£29.50pp** Oct 23, Apr 23, May 24, Oct 22 **£39.50pp** Apr 2, 5, Oct 25 **£49.50pp** Apr 30, May 31, Aug 27 **£59.50pp** Mar 26

120 PARK HOLIDAYS UK LOSSIEMOUTH
Lossiemouth FREE LINEN

Plus entertainment/facilities at Silver Sands

CLUBROOM PASSES FREE **DOGS** £30 each
FREE UPGRADES all dates

Band B prices, except for: **£17.50pp** Apr 23, May 7 **£19.50pp** Sep 28, Mar 15, Apr 9, 26, May 3, 10, 17, Sep 13, 27, Oct 1, 4, 8, 11, 29 **£24.50pp** Mar 19, Apr 12, 19 **£29.50pp** Apr 5, May 24, Jun 4, Oct 22 **£39.50pp** Apr 2, Oct 25 **£49.50pp** May 31, Aug 20, 27

121 PARKDEAN RESORTS GRANNIE'S HEILAN' HAME
Dornoch FREE LINEN

ENT+ PASSES £6 pp **DOGS** £35 each
Band B prices, except for: **£14.50pp** Nov 2 **£19.50pp** Aug 31, Sep 7, 14, 28, Oct 5, 30, Apr 26, May 3, 17 **£29.50pp** Oct 2, May 24

10. NORTHERN FRANCE

122 COUNTRY PARK
Touquin FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for: **£20.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

123 LE CHENE GRIS
Pommeuse FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for: **£10.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, Oct 16, 19, 23, 26 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

124 PARIS-EST NEW
Paris FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for: **£20.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

125 LA CROIX DU VIEUX PONT NEW
Berny-Rivière FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for: **£20.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

11. CENTRAL FRANCE

130 COUR DE VENDEE
Le Boissiere-de-Montaigu FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for: **£20.50pp** Sep 4 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

137 SAINT AVIT LOISIRS
Le Bugue FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26

138 LE VAL D'USSELL
Sarlat FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

12. SOUTHERN FRANCE

140 MAYOTTE VACANCES
Biscarrosse FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

142 LA COSTE ROUGE
Argeles Sur Mer FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for: **£10.50pp** Sep 7
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

143 LA CHAPELLE
Argeles-Plage FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

146 LE SOLEIL DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE NEW
St Cyprien FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

148 LES DUNES
Torreilles FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

153 LA PRESQU'ILE DU BARCARES
Le Barcares FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for: **£10.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 21
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

154 DOMAINE DE LA YOLE
Valras-Plage FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 11, 18

155 LE PETIT MOUSSE
Vias FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 14, 21 **£20.50pp** Sep 11, 18

157 LE CASTELLAS
Sete FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

158 BOREPO
Villeveyrac FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
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160 DOMAINE DE MASSEREAU
Sommieres FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18

164 LOU SOULEI
Carry-le-Rouet FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

166 LES LACS DU VERDON NEW
Regusse FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

167 DOMAINE DE LA SAINTE BAUME NEW
Nans Les Pins FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

168 LA BAIE DES ANGES
La Ciotat FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

169 LA HAMEAU DES PINS - LA MOUTONNE
La Moutonne FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11
£29.50pp Aug 31

171 MIREMER
Riviera FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

172 LA PLAGE D'ARGENS
Saint Aygulf FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

173 LA BAUME
Fréjus FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

175 SAINT LOUIS
Cannes FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

13. CORSICA

177 DOMAINE D'ANGHIONE
Castellare Di Casinca FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

178 MARINA D'ERBA ROSSA
Ghisonaccia FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

14. SPAIN

179 PLAYA JOYEL
Noja FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

182 ORANGERAIE
Càlig FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

183 LA TORRE DEL SOL
Miami Platja FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2
£39.50pp Aug 31

184 PLATJA CAMBRILS NEW
Cambrils FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

185 PARK PLAYA BARA
Costa Dorada FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

189 LA MASIA
Blanes FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

190 EL PINAR
Costa Brava FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

191 CANYELLES
Lloret de Mar FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

192 CALA LLEVADO
Tossa de Mar FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£20.50pp Sep 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

193 CASTELL D'ARO
Platja d'Aro FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

194 VALLDARO
Platja d'Aro FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7 **£30.50pp** Sep 4 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

198 NEPTUNO
Pals FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7 **£20.50pp** Sep 4 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

199 CASTELL MONTGRI
Estartit FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

15. PORTUGAL

201 ORBITUR ANGEIRAS
Matosinhos FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 14, 21, 28, Oct 5
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2
£29.50pp Aug 31

202 ORBITUR VAGUEIRA
Gafanha da Boa Hora FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2
£29.50pp Aug 31

204 ORBITUR VALVERDE
Lagos FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 21, 28, Oct 5
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2
£29.50pp Aug 31

205 ALBUFEIRA NEW
Albufeira FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
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16. ITALY

206 LIDO VERBANO
Castelletto Sopra Ticino FREE PASSES

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£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9
£39.50pp Aug 31

208 EDEN
Portese FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

209 CISANO SAN VITO
Cisano FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26
£29.50pp Aug 31

210 ALTOMINCIO FAMILY PARK
Salionze FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

211 MARE PINETA
Duino-Aurisina

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£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25
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212 MARINA JULIA NEW
Monfalcone FREE PASSES

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£20.50pp Sep 7, 14
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18
£39.50pp Aug 31

213 PORTOFELICE NEW
Eraclea Mare VE FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18
£39.50pp Aug 31

214 CA'SAVIO NEW
Cavallino-Treporti FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 18

216 PINETA SUL MARE
Cesenatico FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7 **£20.50pp** Sep 4
£29.50pp Aug 31

217 NORCENNI GIRASOLE CLUB
Figline Valdarno FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11
£29.50pp Aug 31

218 LE TAMERICI
Cecina FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18
£39.50pp Aug 31

219 FREE TIME
Marina Di Bibbona FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25
£39.50pp Aug 3

220 PARK ALBATROS
San Vincenzo FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19
£29.50pp Aug 31

221 I PINI
Rome FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18
£29.50pp Aug 31

223 FABULOUS
Rome FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26
£39.50pp Aug 31

224 LA MASSERIA NEW
Rivabella FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

225 LA SCOGLIERA
Santa Cesarea Terme FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2
£39.50pp Aug 31

17. SARDINIA

226 BELLA SARDINIA NEW
Oristano FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2
£39.50pp Aug 31

227 BAIA BLU LA TORTUGA
Aglientu FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25
£39.50pp Aug 31

18. NETHERLANDS

228 FRIESE MEREN
Wijckel FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

229 DE TWEE BRUGGEN
Winterswijk FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

231 DE SCHATBERG NEW
Sevenum FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12
£30.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

19. GERMANY

232 LANDAL WARSBERG NEW
Saarburg FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for: **£20.50pp** Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

20. AUSTRIA

233 BELLA AUSTRIA
St Peter am Kammersberg FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

21. SLOVENIA

234 TERME CATEZ
Istria FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for: **£10.50pp** Sep 7, 14 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

22. CROATIA

235 PARK UMAG
Istria FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£20.50pp** Sep 11, 18 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

236 KASTANIJA
Novigrad FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
£20.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21 **£30.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 **£39.50pp** Aug 31

237 LANTERNA
Porec FREE PASSES

Band A prices, except for:
£10.50pp Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 **£20.50pp** Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 **£29.50pp** Aug 31

239 BRIONI SUNNY
Pula FREE PASSES

Band B prices, except for:
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241 AMADRIA PARK TROGIR
Seget Vranjica FREE PASSES

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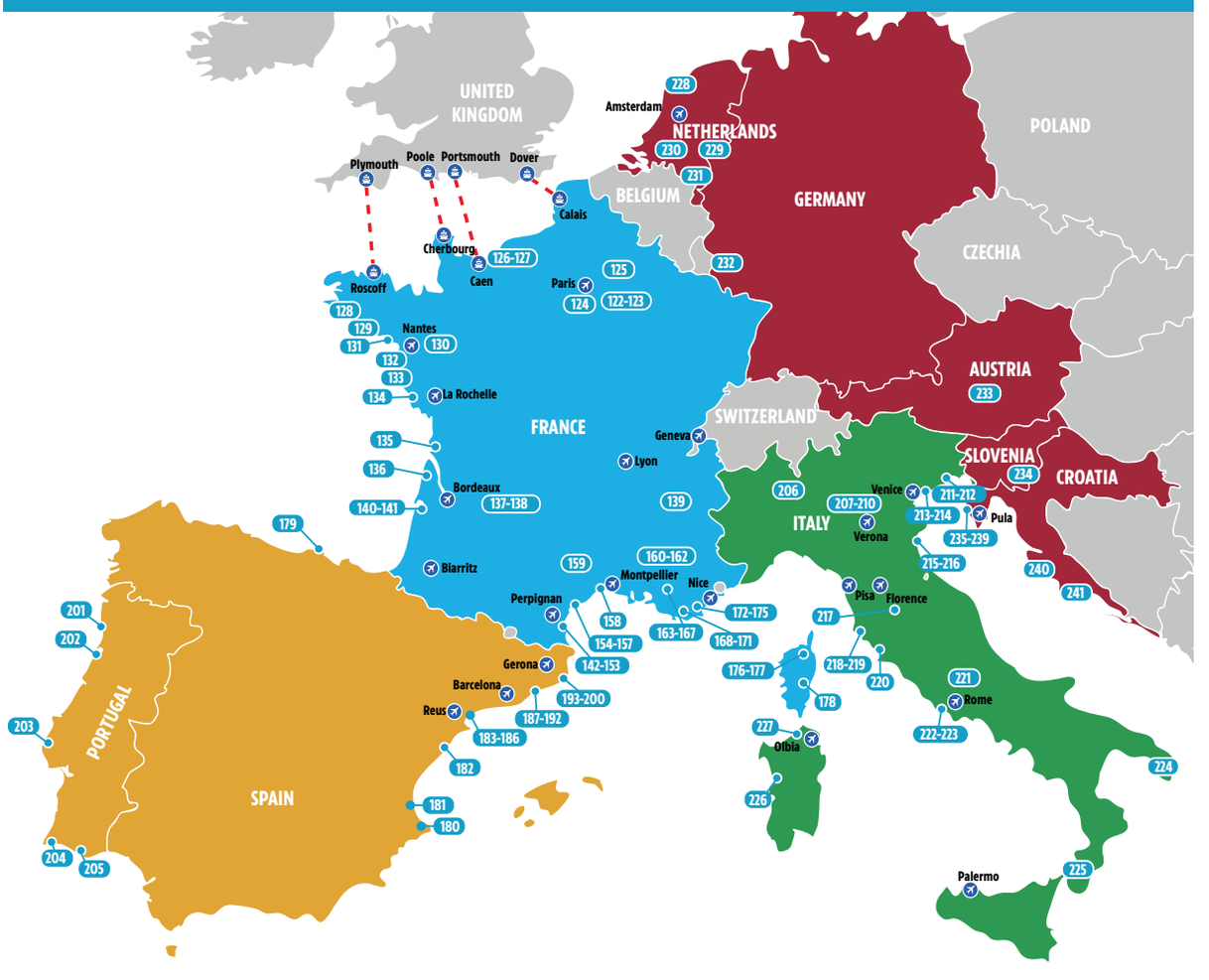
£20.50pp Sep 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26

EUROPE



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3. Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss	Initial	Surname	Age
4. Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss	Initial	Surname	Age
5. Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss	Initial	Surname	Age
6. Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss	Initial	Surname	Age
7. Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss	Initial	Surname	Age
8. Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss	Initial	Surname	Age

Send only the amount shown below (£9.50 per person, based on a minimum of 4 people sharing).
Remember to include all adults/children/babies.
If you have chosen a more expensive break, simply pay the extra amount to the park, once you receive confirmation.
I enclose a cheque to the value of:

	3 or 4 night breaks		7 night breaks
1, 2, 3 or 4 people	£38	1, 2, 3 or 4 people	£76
5 people	£47.50	5 people	£95
6 people	£57	6 people	£114
7 people	£66.50	7 people	£133
8 people	£76	8 people	£152

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ATTACH ANOTHER CODEWORD HERE

Make cheque payable to **UK HOLIDAYS IN THE SUN**
Send completed form, cheque and **TWO** codewords to: **HOLIDAYS IN THE SUN, PO BOX 1811, COLCHESTER, CO2 8LF**

I am over 21 years of age and confirm that I agree to the Terms & Conditions of this offer and the standard conditions of the park operators, a copy of which will be forwarded with my confirmation.
Signed (on behalf of all persons on this application)

Signature D D M M Y Y

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE:
1. Your completed application form with **TWO** codewords attached.
2. Your cheque with your name and address on the reverse. **DO NOT SEND CASH OR POSTAL ORDERS.**

How often do you buy The Sun?
☐ 4+ times a week ☐ 1-3 times a week
☐ Less than once a week ☐ Never

20 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR HOL

GENERAL

1. The closing date for applications is Monday, September 21, 2026.
2. News Group Newspapers Ltd, publisher of The Sun, does not own or operate any of the parks mentioned in this offer. We offer our customers financial protection in the event of the financial failure of any park or park operator in this offer by holding your holiday payment in a trust account until the completion of your holiday.
3. Holidays offered are organised by independent parks and operators. Your contract will be with the owner or operator of your holiday park and comes into effect and your holiday is confirmed when a holiday confirmation has been issued to you by the owner or operator of your holiday park. The party with whom you have your holiday contract accepts liability only for the negligent acts and/or omissions of its employees.
4. These terms and conditions and How To Book apply to all holidays booked through this offer and, together with the standard conditions of the holiday park or park operator, form the basis of your contract with your holiday park or park operator and theirs with you. This offer is subject to availability. Your signed or online checked application is your acceptance of the terms and conditions of this offer.

APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENT

5. You can apply online or by post. For detailed instructions on how to apply, please see our How To Book section which forms part of these terms and conditions. Parties of fewer than four can only be accepted on payment of the four-berth price. In the unlikely event that your chosen holiday is unavailable or where we have made an error (such as incorrect pricing) we will contact you and give you the option of a refund or an alternative holiday – if more expensive, any additional charges would apply.
6. Payment for postal applications can be made by cheque only. **DO NOT SEND CASH OR POSTAL ORDERS.** Minimum payment with postal application is £38. If unsuccessful, you will be notified within three weeks, or before the first holiday date on your form. If you have not heard anything by this date, please contact us at **club950.co.uk/contactus**. Only complete applications will be accepted. We cannot always guarantee multiple applications will be similarly processed. If your application is unsuccessful, your cheque will not be cashed.

ITALIAN JOB . . . Hannah and Jake White from Chester stayed in Peschiera del Garda

7. Online applications must include payment by credit or debit card. Payments and bookings are managed by Breakfree Holidays Limited, 42 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, CO2 8JY.
8. A non-refundable fee of £3.20 per booking will be added to the cost of all successful online bookings.

PRICE GUARANTEE

9. The price of your break, with entertainment/clubroom passes and dog charges added (if applicable), will be the best price available for the same holiday (same park, date and accommodation type). If you find it cheaper and email us details within 28 days of applying, once we have verified that the comparative cost is cheaper, we will arrange a refund for the difference plus £10. The comparison excludes online booking fees and other extras such as bed linen. Please email us within 28 days of applying should you find your confirmed holiday on offer at a cheaper price.
10. The per-person price includes service charge and peak date supplements. Prices vary by park and date and are shown in the newspaper listings and online. Parks choose their pricing, so this does not represent quality grading by The Sun. Tourist taxes may apply in Europe.

YOUR HOLIDAY

11. Only people whose names are on your holiday booking form can occupy the holiday home allocated. Any persons causing a nuisance or disturbance to others will be asked to leave. Holiday homes will be caravan homes, chalets, apartments, lodges, bungalows, cottages or tents. Holiday homes will be available from 4pm on the day of arrival and must be vacated by 10am on the day of departure. If you will be arriving at your park during late evening, you **MUST** advise your park directly in advance. Parks in this offer will allow you to use the park facilities on your day of arrival and departure, usually up until 6pm, before and after your specific holiday home accommodation is available. Some facilities are seasonal.
12. It is your responsibility to leave your holiday home in the condition you found it. Breakages, damaged or missing items **WILL** be charged to you. Refundable damage/housekeeping deposits apply at some parks and these must be paid/reserved on a credit/debit card before your arrival.
13. These are self-catering holidays; no meals are included in the price.
14. Bed linen and blankets are only included at parks with the free linen symbol or with Premier Plus caravan upgrades. Most other parks offer bed linen and blankets for hire at a reasonable cost, and these can be booked and paid directly with your park operator once you receive your confirmation. Charges apply for cots, highchairs and other extras.
15. Parks offering full day and evening entertainment programmes may charge for optional Entertainment Plus Passes. Other parks may charge for optional Clubroom Passes. Pass charges are per person per break and are listed under each park's listing. Entertainment is limited at some parks on some dates. These passes are optional but are required to access most facilities at your holiday park. Passes are payable directly to your park operator after you have received your holiday confirmation and in advance of your arrival.
16. These are family holidays, and bookings cannot be accepted from parties where all persons are under the age of 21. All adult parties can only be accepted at the holiday park's discretion and following their terms and conditions. Dogs are only permitted at parks that display the dogs permitted symbol in the park listings. A maximum of two dogs will be permitted in dog-friendly holiday homes at these parks. Other pets and some breeds of dog, including those listed in the Dangerous Dog Act, are not allowed. If you are unsure whether your dog is allowed, please check with your park directly, before booking. Charges apply for taking dogs and these must be paid when booking. Dogs are not allowed on bedding or seating, must not be left unattended, must always be kept on a lead and you must clean up after your dog. Dogs (other than assistance dogs) are not allowed in park facilities or play areas. If your dog is causing a nuisance or damage, parks reserve the right to refuse entry, or you will need to remove it from the park.
17. Accessible accommodation is available at most parks to suit people with disabilities. Please contact us via **club950.co.uk/contactus** within 24 hours **AFTER** you book online, including your booking reference number, detailing your requirements. If applying by post, please attach a note to your form. While we cannot guarantee there will be suitable accommodation for you, we will endeavour to find one. If no suitable accommodation is found, we will arrange a full refund of any monies paid to us.

CHANGING/CANCELLING A BOOKING

18. ABSOLUTELY NO AMENDMENTS can be made by you after your holiday application has been received by us or submitted online. No refunds whatsoever can be made in the event of cancellation by you unless the reason for cancellation is a default of the park or operator.

FERRIES

19. For European and Isle of Wight holidays, or holidays on the mainland from the Isle of Wight or Ireland, The Sun has negotiated special crossing rates in conjunction with this offer. Full details at **club950.co.uk/ferries**. Your crossing contract is with the ferry operator and their promotional terms apply. These offers are subject to availability, valid for selected departures only and only valid if both the outward and return journeys are completed.

USE OF THE WEBSITE

20. By using the Hols From £9.50 website, you agree to The Sun's general terms and conditions at **thesun.co.uk/terms**.